



# Welcome to CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON

## SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Aranga

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

In New Zealand over the past months, including the events of this week, an ideology has been played out on the stage of our Parliament – the secular ideology of equality.

On the one hand we can agree that as humans we are all made equal and can even back that up biblically by saying that we are all made in the image of God – which is true (Genesis 1:27). So, if this is the case, then as some would argue, why do we need legislation to regulate pay equity or Te Titiri o Waitangi etc, that requires us to differentiate?

The problem is that although we are made all equal as human beings made in the image of God, we do not all start (to use a motor racing metaphor) at the same place on the grid. Some people start at the front and get a clearer run at life, while others sit further back, albeit through race or gender, and so we need legislation to require equality in treatment and opportunity in all spheres of life.

The distinction here is between equality and equity. Equality says we treat everyone the same regardless of where they start. Whereas Equity looks at the conditions required for people to flourish. As the Webster Dictionary defines it, “Equity is about fairness or justice in the way people are treated; specifically freedom from disparities in the way people of different races, genders, etc. are treated”. Or as the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora states (Aug 2024), “Equity recognises different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable health outcomes”.

As Christians, our calling is to resist injustice where it exists so that all can be treated fairly and flourish. The central biblical concept for this is Shalom, meaning the fulness and flourishing of God’s creation. Theologian Cornelius Plantinga defines the biblical principle of shalom as “universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight- a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, all under the arch of God’s love. Shalom, in other words, is the way things are supposed to be.” (*Engaging God’s World*. 14-15)

As we move through Eastertide towards Pentecost may we consider the continuing work of Jesus in the world to bring about the flourishing of all. We can do this individually as we go about our everyday lives, and just sometimes we need to stand together so that our society promotes the flourishing of all.

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 our 10am service. Toys and activities 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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### **10:00am**

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Hymns

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Psalm

Choir Anthem

Psalm 23

'Come, Ye Faithful' by Thatcher

### **5:00 PM**

Minister of Liturgy

Reflection

Psalm

Choir Anthem

Readings

Hymns

### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Reverend Steve Jordan

Dean Graham O'Brien

Psalm 23

'A Clare Benediction' by Rutter

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## CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 11 May 2025

Order of Service

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<i>Preacher</i>	<b>Dean Graham O'Brien</b>
<i>Minister of Liturgy</i>	<b>Jocelyn Smith</b>
<i>Cathedral Organist</i>	<b>Paul Chan</b>
<i>Choral Director</i>	<b>Nigel Weeks</b>
<i>Music Setting</i>	<b>Darke in E</b>

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*Please stand as we sing*

### **THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (CA649)**

- 1**            **The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.**
  
- 2**            **Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.**
  
- 3**            **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**
  
- 4**            **In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

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**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.**

*Henry Williams Baker*

## **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.**

*The choir sings the Gloria*

*Glory be to God on high (repeat),  
And in earth peace, good will towards men,  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.*

*O Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty,  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest  
at the right hand of God the Father  
have mercy upon us.*

*For Thou only art holy,  
Thou only art the Lord,  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father,  
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                Jesus said,  
If you dwell within the revelation I have brought,  
you are indeed my disciples;  
you shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free. *John 8:31,32*

**Collect**                **God of peace,**  
**by the blood of the eternal covenant**  
**you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,**  
**that great shepherd of the sheep;**  
**make us perfect in every good work,**  
**and work in us that which is pleasing and good;**  
**through Jesus Christ to whom be glory**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading*

### **The Proclamation of the Word** **The First Reading** **Acts 9:31-43**

*Read by Maria John*

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. <sup>32</sup> Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. <sup>34</sup> Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. <sup>35</sup> And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. <sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without



delay.' <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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.*



- 2** It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.
- 3** Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled  
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4** Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.
- 5** Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with ev'ry fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*John Newton / Alexander Reinagle*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading*

## **The Holy Gospel Reading**

**John 21:4,9-19**

*Read by David Brown*

*After the announcement*

**All sing Praise and glory to God**

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the

Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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**

Nicky Calder

*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.**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

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.*

### **YE SERVANTS OF GOD (CA756)**

**1**                                      **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**2**                                      **God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**3**                    **Salvation to God who sits on the throne!**  
**Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.**  
**The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,**  
**fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**4**                    **Then let us adore, and give him his right:**  
**all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,**  
**and honour and blessing, with angels above,**  
**and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

*Charles Wesley / H.J. Gauntlett*

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.**



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

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

Celebrant            Kia whakapai tatou ki to tatou Ariki ki te Atua.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**                    **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.

By his death on the cross,  
he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world  
and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;  
you exalted him in glory.  
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,  
Amen*



*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the Highest,  
Hosanna in the Highest,  
Amen.*

*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.**



**All 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 "*Come, Ye Faithful*" by Thatcher

### **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 and Blessing**

Dean Graham O'Brien

*Please stand to sing our final Hymn*

## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (CA249)**

**1**                    **Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not,  
thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand has provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

**2**                    **Summer and winter,  
and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:**

***Great is Thy faithfulness...***

**3**                    **Pardon for sin  
and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is Thy faithfulness...***

*Thomas Chisholm /W.M. Runyan*

## The 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 *Fantasia on "Groot is Uw trouw, o Heer" - Gert van Hoef*

### Readings for Evensong:

#### First Reading:

#### Acts 9:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

<sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

<sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

## **Second Reading:**

### **Galatians 1:11-24**

<sup>11</sup> For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; <sup>12</sup> for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

<sup>13</sup> You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.

<sup>15</sup> But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; <sup>19</sup> but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.

<sup>20</sup> In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, <sup>22</sup> and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; <sup>23</sup> they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

# PRAYERS

## CHURCH

### COBDEN-RUNAGA

- ✠ Vicar Ven Tim & Nicki Mora
- ✠ Wardens
- ✠ Pastoral Care
- ✠ Children's Church
- ✠ Bible in Schools Ministry
- ✠ Men's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Study Groups, Chaplain
- ✠ The Roman Catholic Church and the ministry of Pope Leo XIV

### COMMUNITY

- ✠ Pray for mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers
- ✠ Pray for those affected by the recent changes in legislation

## WORLD

- ✠ Pray for a just peace especially in Ukraine
- ✠ Prayer for peace in Gaza
- ✠ Prayer for a decrease in the tension between India and Pakistan

## THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Rev Denis Mellsop, Maureen Wagg, Lindsey, Andrew, Paul, Mary Toll, Gillian Etherington, James, Wendi & Stann, Ian McLean, Joseph Clark, Katherine, Lynnley Capell, Christine, Doreen, Lachlan, Graham Allan, Bev Beattie, Taranaki Dean Jay and Erin Ruka

### **BARNABAS PRAYER** **Sunday 11 May, 2025**

Lord Jesus, we pray for Christians living in warzones, powerless to affect events that are not of their making. We ask You to protect them from harm as many face the difficult decision to flee their homes and country. We pray the same protection for those for whom flight is not an option. Please enable Your people to know Your guidance to pursue peace, whatever the provocation, and so demonstrate their identity as Your children. We pray that weapons of warfare will be turned into tools for sustaining life, for we ask in Your precious Name.  
(Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 2:4)

### **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

**Reverend Nigel Whinney**  
**021 118 9985**

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## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN MAY:

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<b>Tuesday 13 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking Group 9am</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 14 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holy Communion Service 11am</li><li>• Emmaus Discussion Group 12 - 1pm</li></ul>
<b>Sunday 18 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holy Communion 8am</li><li>• Choral Communion 10am</li><li>• Choral Evensong 5pm</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 20 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking Group 9am</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 21 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holy Communion Service 11am</li><li>• Emmaus Discussion Group 12 - 1pm</li></ul>
<b>Sunday 25 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holy Communion 8am</li><li>• Choral Communion 10am</li><li>• Choral Evensong 5pm</li></ul>

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## EVENTS COMING UP:

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**31 May**      Saturday 7pm Nelson Organ Festival 2025 concert.

For registration/ticketing for the Nelson Organ Festival and a full programme of the event including the concert at the Cathedral, please click the link below.

<https://www.nzoa.org/festival/>



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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**

### 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**



**zoom**  
Morning Prayer

We have Parish Prayer each morning for 15 minutes at **9 am, Monday to Saturday**. You can join in via zoom using this link: Graham O'Brien's Personal Meeting Room, <https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/7448540777>

# NOTICES

**The Flower Donation  
for this week is for  
John Gerritsen,  
from Judith.  
'For happy memories.'**



**The Emmaus Study Group (12pm) is currently studying the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. All are welcome.**

## May

**14** God's wrath and judgement  
**21** Jews and the Law  
**28** Righteousness through faith

## Romans

1:18 to 2:16  
2:17 to 3:20  
3:21 to 4:25

## June

**4** Peace and joy  
**11** Slaves to sin  
**18** Struggling with sin  
**25** Life through the Spirit

5:1 to 5:21  
6:1 to 7:6  
7:7 to 7:25  
8:1 to 8:17

## July

**2** Future glory  
**9** God's sovereign choice

8:18 to 8:39  
8:40 to 9:29

**Come & have fun!  
Age 5+**

**CATHEDRAL kids**

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

## NOTICES

### **The Craft Group**



meets on Thursdays  
at 1.30pm for creativity,  
a natter and afternoon tea.

All welcome to recycle  
Christmas Cards for the  
Memory trees or work on  
your own project.

Do you have some  
unfinished projects? Bring  
them along.



For more information  
contact **Judith Fitchett**  
on  
**027 319 8511** or just join  
us in the Quiet Room.



WHANAKE YOUTH  
PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

RAFFLES  
&  
HEADS  
OR TAILS

BRING CASH FOR  
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& HEADS OR  
TAILS

SILENT  
AUCTION

KEEN TO SUPPORT  
WHANAKE YOUTH?  
**20TH MAY 7PM**  
AT SPRIG+FERN MARSDEN

6 PEOPLE PER TEAM  
CONTACT SPRIG+FERN  
MARSDEN 03 927 5049 TO  
BOOK YOUR TEAM

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MARSDEN



### **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.

**It's easy to learn!**

*'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**

# 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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Name

Contact Number

Address

Email

