

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

**SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Te Rātapu Tūaono o te Aranga

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

For all of next week I am away at 2 national church meetings.

The first is a day meeting in Auckland. The second is the annual Dean's gathering which this year is in Wellington. This is a great time to gather, support and prayer for each other, and to talk about the unique aspects of cathedral ministry. Next Sunday I will join the other Deans for services at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul and I am preaching at Evensong.

You will see that we are currently advertising two positions – the first is for our Community Ministries Leader (re-advertised) and the second is for our Children's Worker, as Gayle prepares to return to the UK in October.

Over the coming weeks we come to some very significant celebrations (called Feast days) in the church's life. This Sunday is Mother's Day, and although not a formal celebration, it is important to pause and give thanks for the women in our lives who have helped shape us.

We then come to Ascension Day (technically on Thursday but we commemorate it on Sunday), Pentecost, Trinity, and then Te Pouhere Sunday as we celebrate the life of our Anglican Three Tikanga Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

Ascension marks the end of our Easter season as we commemorate Jesus returning to God the Father to now reign as Lord of all.

Then with Pentecost we are reminded that Jesus has not left us alone but has sent his Spirit to live within us and to empower us just as he promised.

As a result, we are drawn into the life and love of God – Father, Son and Spirit (Trinity Sunday), which we then live out in our life together (Te Pouhere Sunday).

As you can see these themes all connect as we - the family of God - celebrate all that the Lord has done for us and live this out daily.

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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Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

### 10:00AM

Celebrant  
Preacher  
Readings  
Hymns

### CHORAL COMMUNION

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney  
Dean Graham O'Brien  
Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21  
Praise To The Holiest (p4)  
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Psalm 66:7-19  
'The Strife Is O'er' by Henry G. Ley and / or  
Lord Jesus Plant A Seed Of Faith' by R. Bonighton

Psalm  
Choir Anthem

### 5:00PM

Minister of Liturgy  
Reflection  
Readings  
Psalm  
Choir Anthem  
Hymns

### CHORAL EVENSONG

Dean Graham O'Brien  
Precentor Steve Jordan  
Acts 17:22-31(p8), John 14:15-21(p12)  
Psalm 66:7-19 (p9)  
'Nolo Mortem Peccatoris' by Thomas Morley  
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# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON



## CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 10 May 2026

Order of Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	<b>Dean Graham O'Brien</b>
<i>Minister of Liturgy</i>	<b>Nicky Calder</b>
<i>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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*Please stand as we sing*

### **PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST IN THE HEIGHT (CA572)**

- 1** Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.
- 2** O loving wisdom of our God!  
when all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight,  
and to the rescue came.
- 3** And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all divine.
- 4** And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

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**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.**

*John Henry Newman/J.B. Dykes*

## **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*

*Children may progress to the CathedralKids 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,  
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, heav'nly 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, have mercy upon us.*

*For Thou only art Holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with Holy Christ,  
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                   Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob;  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them,  
who keeps a promise forever. *Psalm 146:5.6*

**Collect**                   **Eternal God,**  
**light of the minds that know you,**  
**joy of the hearts that love you,**  
**strength of the wills that serve you;**  
**grant us so to know you**  
**that we may truly love you,**  
**and so to love you that we may gladly serve you,**  
**now and always.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

#### Acts 17:22-31

*Read by Jim Wiseman*

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

*We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 66:7-19*

7                              *O bless our God, you peoples:  
                                    and cause his praises to resound,*

8                              *Who has held our souls in life:  
                                    who has not suffered our feet to slip.*

9                              *For you have proved us, O God:  
                                    you have tried us as silver is tried.*

10                             *You brought us into the net:  
                                    you laid sharp torment on our loins.*

11                             *You let men ride over our heads,  
                                    we went through fire and water:  
                                    but you brought us out into a place of liberty.*

12                             *I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:  
                                    and I will pay you my vows,*

13                             *The vows that opened my lips:  
                                    that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.*

14                             *I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,  
                                    with the sweet smoke of rams:  
                                    I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.*

15                             *Come then and hear, all you that fear God:  
                                    and I will tell what he has done for me.*

16 *I called to him with my mouth:  
and his praise was on my tongue.*

17 *If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:  
the Lord would not have heard me.*

18 *But God has heard me:  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.*

19 *Praise be to God:  
who has not turned back my prayer,  
or his steadfast love from me.*

*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**

### **I Peter 3:13-22**

*Read by Julie Cottle*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as

an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn*

## **LOVE IS HIS WORD (CA429)**

- 1 **Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.***
- 2 **Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood.'  
Love, only love, is his sign.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.***
- 3 **Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love is his name.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.***
- 4 **Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love is his word.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.***

*Anthony Milner*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading*

## The Holy Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

*Read by Rev Lois Hurd-McKee*

*After the announcement*

**All sing**                      **Praise and glory to God**

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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**

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

*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.
<b>All</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	E te whānau, we are the body of Christ.
<b>All</b>	<b>By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.</b>
Celebrant	Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
<b>All</b>	<b>Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.</b>

*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.*

### **OH JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED (CA503)**

<b>I</b>	<b>O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend: I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.</b>
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**2**                    **O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3**                    **O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4**                    **O Jesus, thou hast promised,  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

*W.H. Ferguson / J.E. Bode*

**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

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.  
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  
*'The Strife is O'er' by Henry G. Ley and / or  
Lord Jesus Plant A Seed Of Faith' by R. Bonington*

### **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*

### **ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED (CA19)**

- 1**            **All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**
  
- 2**            **Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.**
  
- 3**            **God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore, from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**
  
- 4**            **Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Herbert Howells 1892 - 1983*

## **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**

Grand Choeur triomphal op. 47 Nr. 2 - Alexandre Guilmant



### **Evening Service First Reading:**

Acts 17:22-31 (p8)

### **Evening Service Second Reading :**

John 14:15-21 (p12)

# PRAYERS

## CHURCH

### BLenheim SOUTH

- ✞ Interregnum
- ✞ Wardens
- ✞ Children, Families & Eldercare Ministries
- ✞ Messy Church
- ✞ Chinese Ministry
- ✞ Retired Clergy

## COMMUNITY

- ✞ Those affected by the heavy rain
- ✞ Nelson Police and the family of Senior Sergeant Lyn Fleming
- ✞ Staff at the Nelson Honda Factory

## WORLD

- ✞ Pray for a just peace in Ukraine
- ✞ Pray for peace throughout the Middle East
- ✞ Pray for a peace agreement between Iran and the USA
- ✞ Prayer for stability of the world economy

## THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Robert and Ruth Smith, Johnathan, Lachlan, Judith, Katherine, Marcus McGregor-Clarke, Ruby, Monu Lokhande, Doreen, Mary Toll, Wendi & Stann, Paul, Shaun Cotter, James, Andrew, Lindsey, Charlotte, Christine, Gillian Etherington, Peter Fletcher, Scott & Rachel, Lynnley Capell, Fr Paul Jones and family (UK)

### **BARNABAS PRAYER** **Sunday 26 April, 2026**

Lord Jesus, we pray for our brothers and sisters who live in countries where they must practise their faith in utmost secrecy because of repressive laws and persecution. We ask You to guide them by Your Spirit to grow in their relationship with joy and experience fortifying fellowship with Your family.

Please grant them wisdom to communicate through their lives the reality and joy of knowing You and use their testimony, silent and spoken, to lead others to Your light. Enable them to know, through the witness of the Holy Spirit, that they are not forgotten and are precious in Your sight, because we ask in Your holy Name. (Matthew 5:14-16)

### **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**

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN APRIL/MAY

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>May 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Group 9am</li> <li>• Meditation Group 5-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11am Holy Communion</li> <li>• 12pm Emmaus Bible Study</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>May 17</b> <b>Ascension</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 5pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>May 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Group 9am</li> <li>• Meditation Group 5-6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11am Holy Communion</li> <li>• 12pm Emmaus Bible Study</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>May 24</b> <b>Pentecost</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 5pm</li> </ul>

## EVENTS

**20 May**

The Lee Singers 7pm at Nelson Cathedral  
 Wednesday, Free

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**GO THE DISTANCE**

FOR BISHOPDALE COLLEGE

To contribute to Bishop Steve and Rev Matt's \$20,000 goal:  
[givealittle.co.nz/cause/bishopdale](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/bishopdale)

To learn more about the campaign and stay up to date:  
[bishopdale.ac.nz/gothedistance](https://bishopdale.ac.nz/gothedistance)

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## CONTACT US:

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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



## **Situations Vacant: Community Ministries Leader**

16hrs a week

## **Children's Worker**

5hrs a week

For more information please  
contact the Office

[office@nelsoncathedral.nz](mailto:office@nelsoncathedral.nz)

## **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**

### **May**

13	10:9-48	At Cornelius' house
20	11:1-30	Peter explains
27	12: 1-25	Peter in prison and death of Herod

### **June**

3	13: 1-52	Paul's first mission Part 1
10	14: 1-28	Part 2
17	15:1-35	Jerusalem Council

## **Banquet Invitation for ALL women**

All women are invited to the AAW (Association of Anglican Women, Nelson) annual dinner.

Thursday 14th May, 6.30pm  
at New Asia Restaurant,  
279 Hardy Street, Nelson

Cost: \$35 per person

Please RSVP by Monday 11th May  
at the very latest - please let us  
know earlier if possible

Contacts to RSVP,  
and for transport:

Noeline: 027 547 6483

[noeline.curtis40@gmail.com](mailto:noeline.curtis40@gmail.com);

Janet: 027 563 8205

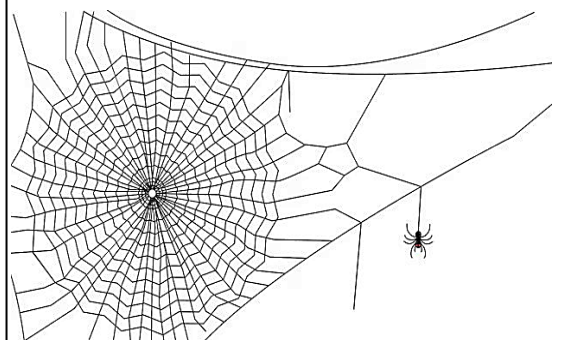
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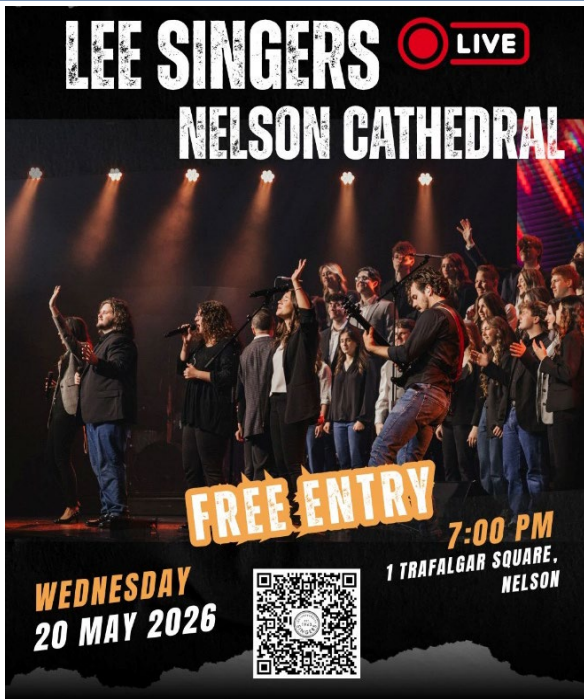
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[kathleencuthbert30@gmail.com](mailto:kathleencuthbert30@gmail.com);

Do you want to help spruce the place up?  
We are looking for a volunteer for a day to  
spend 2-3 hours dusting the tops of our  
columns using our long duster pole.  
Afternoon is the best time, for the angle of  
the sunlight. If you are interested, please  
email the office. [office@nelsoncathedral.nz](mailto:office@nelsoncathedral.nz)




## NOTICES



**LEE SINGERS**  **LIVE**  
**NELSON CATHEDRAL**

**FREE ENTRY** **7:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**20 MAY 2026**

**1 TRAFALGAR SQUARE, NELSON**



### **The Craft Group**

meets at 1.30pm on Thursdays in the Quiet Room. Learn a new skill, or work on your own project.

#### **Afternoon tea served.**

An appeal for knitting wool for Craft group volunteers knitting beanies and fingerless gloves for the Nelson AAW Project for **Mission to Seafarers**.





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



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



### **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**

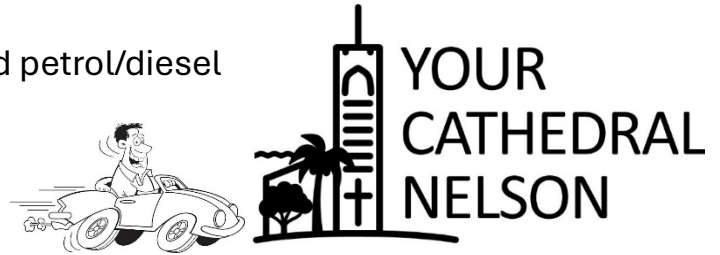
## Car Pooling – are you interested?

Under the current conditions of higher priced petrol/diesel people are noting a difference to their budget.

We also note that some people may prefer to stop driving to church and would be relieved to have an alternate option.

We are interested in your feedback regarding this.

Please feel free to complete the table below to see if there is a need to offer carpooling, and if there is, who is able to offer space in their car and who would like assistance.



### (Please circle one)

- Yes, I would like to carpool while petrol prices are high
- Yes, I would like to carpool and share the driving week to week
- Yes, I am ready to enjoy others taking me to church
- No, I am not able to participate in carpooling at this time

Name	Best way to contact Phone or email	Please confirm whether: I can offer space or I need a ride	I like to stay for morning tea Yes or not usually	Area I live... e.g. Atawhai, Nelson city, Stoke Richmond, etc

### I attend (Please circle one)

- **Sunday 8am**
- **Sunday 10am**
- **Sunday 5pm**
- **Wednesday 11am**

General feedback:

Any idea is gratefully received, so please share what you are thinking may improve or enhance your Cathedral experience – please include your contact details.

All information will be held as confidential and will be stored accordingly, and destroyed when no longer required.

**Susanne Croft** (027 2535051)

# 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

