

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

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

7th Sunday of Easter, marking Ascension Day | Te Rātapu Tuawhitu o te Aranga

‘Time Like An Ever-Rolling Stream’

The words from the hymn ‘O God Our Help in Ages Past’ seem particularly apposite at the moment, as our warm April ‘Indian Summer’ has given way to the fresh, cool, crisp but sunny days that exemplify the Nelson winter.

The change of seasons acts somehow as a reminder of the inevitable passage of time, and (for me, at least) of the chapters or ‘seasons’ in our lives.

When we have a ‘run’ of special services, it somehow resonates with the passage of those seasons.

On the heels of a busy Easter, we marked ANZAC Day, and now head into a weekly series of Christian feasts: Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity and Te Pouhere Sundays.

Ascension Day on Thursday was marked by Geoff and Sue ringing the bells over the city at midday. On Sunday we will mark it at our services and I look forward to hearing The Reverend Jenny preach. It’s an important event in the story of Christ and the church. It’s also ‘seasonal’ in its own way.

Rather than remaining in that season of human time to give humankind an insight into what REALLY matters to our loving God, The Christ stepped back into eternity (another season, if you prefer), to be our advocate. He sent God’s Spirit to support, guide and steer us in this season of human existence.

It’s incumbent upon us all to live in that Spirit, so reciprocally it can live in us.

Blessings,

Steve



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.

SERVICES

8:00AM

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Jenny Wilkens

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10:00AM

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Hymns

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Reverend Jenny Wilkens

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Psalm 47

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Minister of Liturgy

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Hymns

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Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

Dean Emeritus Charles Tyrrell

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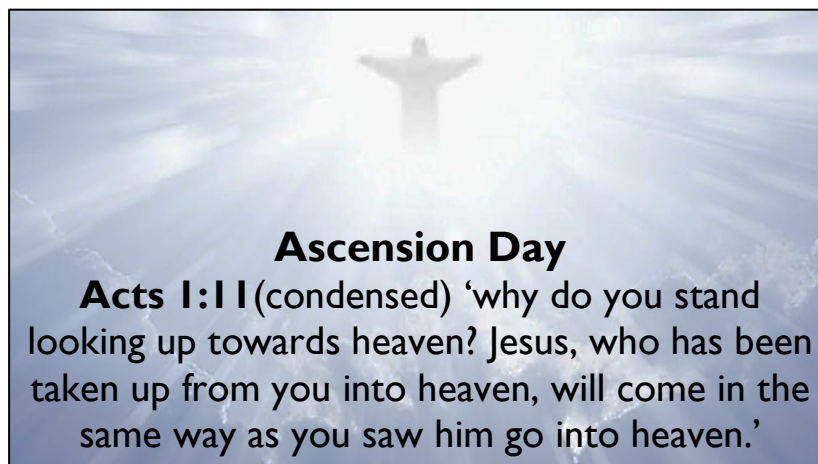
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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON



CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 17 May 2026

Ascension Day

Order of Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	Precentor Steve Jordan
<i>Preacher</i>	Reverend Jenny Wilkens
<i>Minister of Liturgy</i>	Joel Smith
<i>Organist</i>	Paul Chan
<i>Choral Director</i>	Nigel Weeks
<i>Communion Setting</i>	Herbert Sumsion

Please stand as we sing

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE (CA255)

- 1** Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!
- 2** There for him high triumph waits; alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; alleluia!
take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!
- 3** Lo, the heav'n its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
though returning to his throne, alleluia!
calls the human race his own. Alleluia!
- 4** Still for us he intercedes, alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads; alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

5

**Ever upward let us move, alleluia!
wafted on the wings of love; alleluia!
looking when our Lord shall come, alleluia!
longing, sighing after home. Alleluia!**

Charles Wesley, Thomas Cotterill and others

Welcome

Precentor Steve Jordan

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

Precentor The Lord be with you.
All The Lord bless you.

Precentor 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 Spirit,
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

Lift up your heads you gates!
Lift yourselves up you everlasting doors!
That the King of Glory may come in. *Psalm 24:7*

Collect

**Eternal God,
by raising Jesus from the dead
you proclaimed his victory,
and by his ascension you declared him king.
Lift up our hearts to heaven
that we may live and reign with him.
Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Read by John Fitchett

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All **Thanks be to God**

We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 47

1 *O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.*

2 *For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great King over all the earth.*

- 3 *He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.*
- 4 *He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.*
- 5 *God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.*
- 6 *O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our King.*
- 7 *For God is the King of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.*
- 8 *God has become the King of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.*
- 9 *The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.*
- 10 *For the mighty ones of the earth
are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.*

*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 1:15-23

Read by Anne D'Herville

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,

you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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All Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

JESUS SHALL REIGN (CA359ii)

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'n'rs leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the humble poor are blest.**
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

5 **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Isaac Watts

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Read by David Brown

After the announcement

All sing Praise and glory to God

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;

⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All sing Praise to Christ, the Word

The Sermon

Reverend Jenny Wilkens

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.*

ARISE TO GREET THE LORD OF LIGHT (CA40)

- 1** Arise to greet the Lord of light,
you people of his choice.
In uncreated glory bright,
he bursts upon our inward sight,
and bids the heart rejoice,
and bids the heart rejoice!
- 2** Towards his light shall kings be drawn
this majesty to see;
and in the brightness of the dawn
shall see the world in hope reborn,
in justice full and free,
in justice full and free.
- 3** The holy light in Judah's skies
call sages from afar.
The hope of kings they recognize
which, in the virgin mother's eyes,
outshines the guiding star,
outshines the guiding star.
- 4** This majesty for long concealed
from longing human sight,
in Jesus Christ is now revealed,
and God's eternal promise sealed
in love's unending light,
in love's unending light.

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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

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant

All

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

All

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.

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
'Let All The World' by Louis Halsey

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

Precentor Steve Jordan

Please stand to sing our final Hymn

LORD, ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOUR (CA408)

- 1** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.
- 2** Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving rev'rence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3** Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
- 4** Life-imparting heav'nly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

George Bourne / G.C. Martin

Blessing and Dismissal of the Community

Precentor Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
All Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



Organ Voluntary

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (from L'Ascension)
- Olivier Messiaen



Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him.

*Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee.
(John 17:1)*

Olivier Messiaen was a French composer, organist, and ornithologist. One of the major composers of the 20th century, he was also an outstanding teacher of composition and musical analysis. Messiaen perceived colours when he heard certain musical chords. His style absorbed many global musical influences, such as Japanese music and Indonesian gamelan. His music is rhythmically complex. Harmonically and melodically, he employed a system he called modes of limited transposition, which he abstracted from the systems of material his early compositions and improvisations generated. He wrote music for chamber ensembles and orchestra, voice, solo organ, and piano, and experimented with the use of novel electronic instruments developed in Europe during his lifetime.

We note with sadness the sudden passing of Mark Smythe, a New Zealand born composer who was based in Los Angeles.

His mother, Ginny Ward wrote this about him below:

Mark Smythe was a Nelson Cathedral choirboy in the early 1980s.

Mark became head chorister, and after his school days he went on to pursue music as a career. All his life he retained a deep gratitude for the musical training he received at the Cathedral.

He had enormous fondness and respect for Don McIver, who was organist and choirmaster during the years Mark was in the choir.

In 2013 Mark moved to Los Angeles to continue his work as a film composer, performer, and university professor. During his Nelson holiday in January this year Mark revisited the Cathedral to happily reminisce about his days in the choir. Sadly Mark died on 9th May when hiking with friends in the hills near Los Angeles. Music had been his life.

First Reading for Evensong: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Second Reading for Evensong: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

PRAYERS

CHURCH

GOLDEN BAY

- ✠ Vicar Rev Mark & Kirsty Johnson
- ✠ Wardens
- ✠ Lay Ministry
- ✠ Mamaku Grove Retreat

Diocesan Christian Nurture

- ✠ Children and Family Ministry Group
- ✠ Marriage Ministry
- ✠ All-age Worship
- ✠ Sunday Schools

COMMUNITY

- ✠ Those affected by bullying or harassment
- ✠ Those who are homeless
- ✠ Those affected by domestic violence

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, Ian and Ali, 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 17 May 2026

Gracious God, we thank You for the faithfulness of those who suffer injustice for the furtherance of Your kingdom.

Help us to remember Christians imprisoned throughout the world for their love for You as if we were together with them in prison. We pray that You will provide for their physical needs as they suffer confinement and ask that they will experience the comfort and encouragement of Your Spirit that will spread Your light in the darkest places. Please strengthen them in their innermost being to know that they are following their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. (Hebrews 13:3; Ephesians 3:16)

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

Tuesday May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm
Wednesday May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am Holy Communion • 12pm Emmaus Bible Study • The Lee Singers free concert 7pm at the Cathedral
Sunday May 24 Pentecost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5pm
Tuesday May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm
Wednesday May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am Holy Communion • 12pm Emmaus Bible Study
Sunday May 31 Trinity Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5pm

EVENTS

20 May

The Lee Singers 7pm at Nelson Cathedral
 Wednesday, Free

OUR COLLEGE OUR PEOPLE OUR TURN

GO THE DISTANCE

FOR BISHOPDALE COLLEGE

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

To learn more about the campaign and stay up to date:
bishopdale.ac.nz/gothedistance

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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](#)

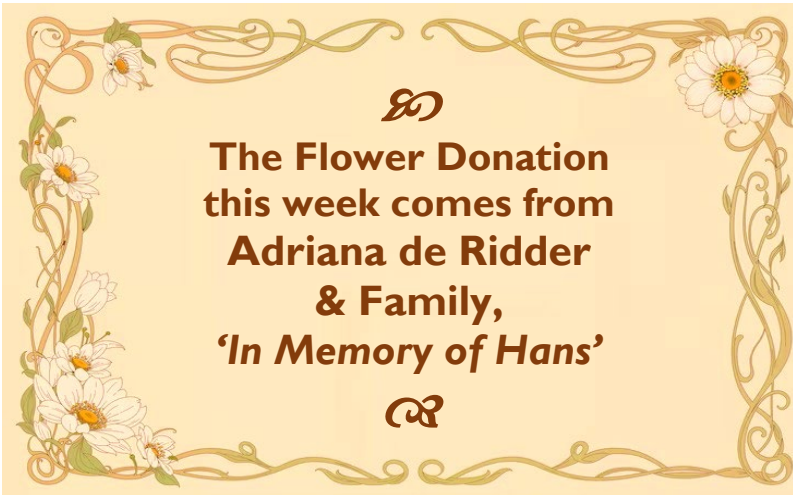
Remember also to obtain independent legal advice.

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

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


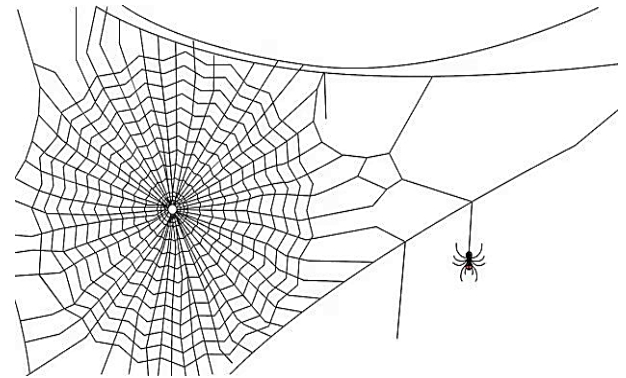
May

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

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

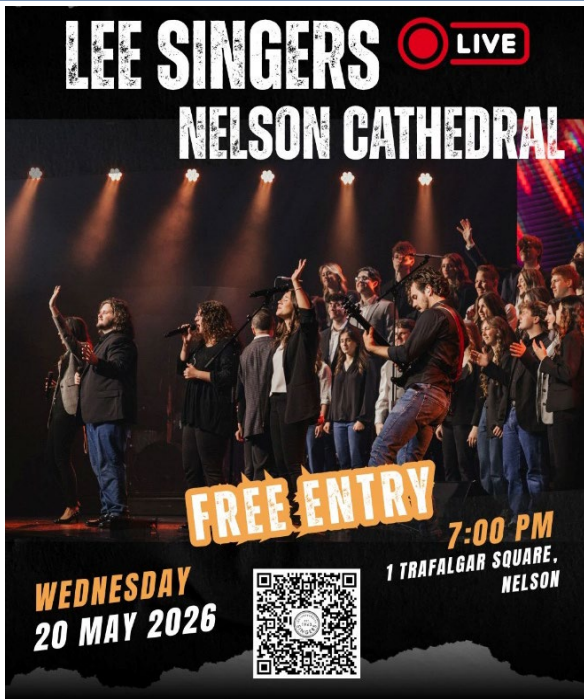



Come & have fun! Age 5+

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



LEE SINGERS  **LIVE**
NELSON CATHEDRAL

FREE ENTRY
7:00 PM
1 TRAFALGAR SQUARE, NELSON

WEDNESDAY
20 MAY 2026



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**

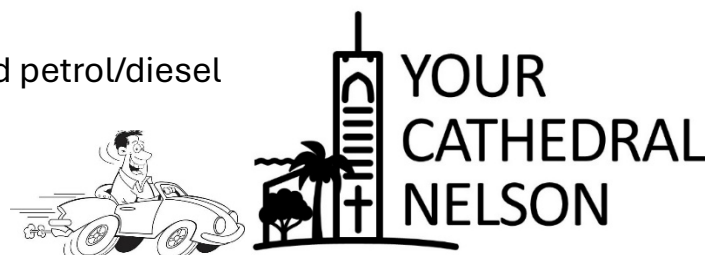
Come and join us and learn more about this ancient spiritual practice.
'Making time in our busy lives to open our hearts to the silent presence of God'.
Contact **Mary Kroch 027 372 1173** or **Erin Beatson 027 680 6355**

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

Name

Contact Number

Address

Email

