

Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON

Te Wharenuia Karakia o Whakatū

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026

1st Sunday of the Epiphany | Baptism Of The Lord | Te Iriiringa o te Karaiti | Krist Ka Baptishma (Hindi)

PRAYING FOR PEACE

Sitting in this relatively quiet and peaceful corner of the Pacific Ocean, we are in danger of having been lulled into a sense of separation from the trouble spots of the world.

Of late, however, we have seen increasing evidence that all three earthly superpowers have territorial ambitions: more specifically expansionist ambitions.

This is of significant concern to many of us, and rightly so. So many Kiwis have been engaged in conflicts far from home, and many (indeed a disproportionate number) have made the supreme sacrifice. On ANZAC Day a few years ago our high altar was adorned by the flag which had covered the body of a New Zealand serviceman who'd lost his life on a peacekeeping mission. It was a poignant moment.

A number of regular cathedralites have themselves served on peace missions in the trouble spots of the world. It's a dangerous undertaking that requires courage and determination.

The Old Testament provides many examples of warfare in what we now call the Middle East: mostly about territorial expansion of different powers, which themselves waxed and waned over time. A legacy of globalisation is that the world now has three superpowers, with increasing tension between them. We can but offer our prayers and petitions to God that the Holy Spirit acts and helps to bring about lasting world peace: erasing the reciprocity of wrongdoing and lifting territorial ambitions.

If we could all work together, infused with the Spirit of God for the good of humankind, the world would be a safer place. Please join me in continuing to pray for peace in our time.

Blessings,

Steve



WELCOME TO YOUR CATHEDRAL!

We are delighted to have families with children worship with us.
Activities are also available for children, please ask the sidespeople.
Toilets can be found outside by exiting the main doors 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**HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant	Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney
Preacher	Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney
Readings	Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

10:00am**FAMILY COMMUNION**

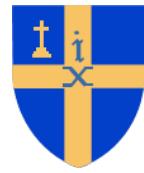
Celebrant	Precentor Steve Jordan
Preacher	Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney
Minister of Liturgy	Jane Lucas
Readings	Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17
Hymns	On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry (p4) Christ, When For Us You Were Baptised (p9) Hail To The Lord 's Anointed (p12) The Kingdom Of God Is Justice And Joy (p16)

5:30PM**EVENING PRAYER WITH HYMNS**

Minister of Liturgy	Precentor Steve Jordan
Reflection	Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney
Readings	Acts 10:34-43 (p9), Matthew 3:13-17 (p10)
Hymns	On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry (p4) Christ, When For Us You Were Baptised (p9) The Kingdom Of God Is Justice And Joy (p16)

**Dean Graham is away on leave until January 13.
Please direct any enquiries to the Cathedral Office.**

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FAMILY COMMUNION

Sunday 11 January 2026

10am Order of Service

Celebrant

Precentor Steve Jordan

Preacher

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

Minister of Liturgy

Jane Lucas

Guest Organist

Taemen Lee

The choir is on leave so we are following the Eucharistic liturgy of Thanksgiving and Praise beginning on page 476 of the New Zealand Prayer Book.

The procession enters the Cathedral as we stand and sing

ON JORDAN'S BANK (CP34)

1 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake, and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of Kings.*

2 *Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.*

3 *For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.*

4 *All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.*

Charles Coffin/John Chandler

Welcome

Precentor Steve Jordan

Precentor

E te whanau a te Karaiti,
welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you,
for we are Christ's body,
Christ's work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.
Rejoice and be glad.
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

All

Amen.

**Christ is our light,
the joy of our salvation.**

Precentor

Praise and glory to Christ,
God's new beginning for humanity
making ritual water gospel wine,
cleansing all our worship.

All

**Love and loyalty to Christ,
who gives us the gospel.**
**Praise to Christ
who calls us to holiness.**

Please kneel or be seated

Minister of Liturgy

Let us pray

Christ is the living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

Minister of Liturgy We say together

All

**So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.**

**We offer thanks and praise to God
for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.**

**Our thanks for marae and the cities
we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.**

The Invitation and the Confession

Minister of Liturgy

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.
In silence we call to mind our sins.

(Silence)

In God there is forgiveness.

All

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have
failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions
have been contrary to yours
we ask your pardon.**

The Absolution is pronounced by the Celebrant

(Silence)

Rejoice and be glad,
for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

All

**We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.**

**Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

The Sentence and Collect

All **Almighty God,**
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your beloved Son;
grant that we who are baptised into his name
may give up our lives to your service,
and be found worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

The Proclamation of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Read by Ernie Leaning

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All

Thanks be to God

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Read by Julie Cottle

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all.

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader

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All

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing the *Gradual Hymn*

CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTISED (CP92)

1

**Christ, when for us you were baptised
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.**

2

**God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant too;
his kingdom you were called to preach,
his holy will to do.**

3

**Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve,
and give your life for all.**

4

**Baptise us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.**

F. Bland Tucker / R.R. Terry

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Read by David Brown

After the announcement

All sing

Praise and glory to God

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Reader:

This is the Gospel of Christ

All sing

Praise to Christ, the Word

The Sermon

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

Please stand for the Peace

The Peace

Celebrant	Blessèd be Christ, the Prince of Peace
All	who breaks down the walls that divide.
Celebrant	The peace of God be always with you.
All	Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

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.)

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED (CP87)

- 1** **Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**
- 2** **He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**
- 3** **O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of love.**

Johann Crüger / W.H. Monk / James Montgomery

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

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

All

Blessèd be God for ever.

Celebrant

All

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

Celebrant

All

Lift your hearts to heaven

Where Christ in glory reigns.

Celebrant

All

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is the joy of our salvation,
God of the universe,
to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ.

You said, ‘Let there be Light’;
there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth life
in all its forms.

You have created us
to hear your Word,
to do your will
and to be fulfilled in your love.
It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us
the way we need to follow
and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life
to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation
and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts:

All
**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just,
glory and goodness come from you.
Glory to you most high and gracious God.**

Please kneel or be seated

Celebrant

Blessèd are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
“I am among you,” he said “as one who serves”.

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave 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,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

All
**God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

All **Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.**

Celebrant For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end,
the last and the first.

All **Praise, glory and love be yours,
this and every day,
from us and all people,
here and everywhere.
Amen.**

The Communion

Celebrant Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

Celebrant His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come God's People,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Blessèd be God who calls us together.

All

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Celebrant

Blessèd be God who has forgiven our sin.

All

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Celebrant

Blessèd be God whose Word is proclaimed.

All

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Celebrant

Blessèd be God who alone has called us.

All

**Therefore we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become.**

Celebrant

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

All

**Amen. Accept our thanks
for all you have done.
Our hands were empty,
and you filled them.**

Notices

Precentor Steve Jordan

Please stand to sing our final Hymn

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY (CP591)

1

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy,
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

2

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

Bryn Austin Rees (1911-1983)

Blessing and Dismissal of the Community

Precentor

All

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



Organ Voluntary

PRAYERS

CHURCH

COBDEN-RUNANGA

- ❖ Vicar Ven Rev Tim & Nicki Mora
- ❖ Wardens
- ❖ Pastoral Care team
- ❖ Children's Church & Bible in Schools
- ❖ Dixon House Anglican Chaplain
- ❖ Ministry & Discipleship groups

COMMUNITY

- ❖ For all those who are unwell during the holidays, and their families

BARNABAS PRAYER

Sunday 11 January, 2026

Thank You, Jesus, for the Christian schools where Christian children can get an education in a loving environment surrounded by other believers. Thank You for enabling us to support these little children in their education, when without these schools they would otherwise be forced to learn in an oppressive environment where they may be persecuted for their faith. We pray that these schools will enable the children to grow strong in faith as they also grow their knowledge, so that by the time they finish their studies they will be well-informed, faithful Christians set up for a life that will help them escape the poverty cycle in which so many persecuted believers are trapped.

WORLD

- ❖ Pray for a just peace in Ukraine
- ❖ Pray for lasting peace in Gaza and Israel
- ❖ Pray for all those affected by situation in Venezuela
- ❖ All those recovering from natural disasters around the world

THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Marcus McGregor-Clarke,
Katherine, Charlotte, James,
Paul, Wendi & Stann,
Robert Smith, Doreen, Andrew,
Mary Toll, Lindsey, Christine,
Gillian Etherington,
Lachlan, Lynnley Capell,
Samantha and Nathan

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 JANUARY/FEBRUARY:

Wednesday 14 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11am Holy Communion12pm Emmaus Bible Study
Sunday 18 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holy Communion 8amFamily Communion 10am (Switch-Off Service)Evening Prayer With Hymns 5:30pm
Wednesday 21 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11am Holy Communion12pm Emmaus Bible Study
Sunday 25 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holy Communion 8amFamily Communion 10amEvening Prayer with Hymns 5:30pm
Wednesday 28 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11am Holy Communion12pm Emmaus Bible Study

EVENTS COMING UP:

**December –
18 January** Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival -
Christmas Tree Festival Switch Off 18 January at 10am

Nelson NZCMS invites you to hear from locals John and Connie Sherlock, before they depart for Rwanda with their daughter Emily. We will meet in the foyer at All Saints, 30 Vanguard St, Nelson, on **Tuesday 20 January from 12:15-1:15**. Light refreshments will be served. Any queries please email **Karen Elliott**: tef2005@icloud.com

The Cathedral Walking Group is taking a break and restarts on Tuesday 3 February 2026.



Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission will start meeting for 12:30pm Sunday services again on February 8th, 2026

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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 Listen WiFi App, click on Audio LGTD**
- 3. Bluetooth link to hearing aid must be on**

NOTICES



If you would like to donate towards
the cost of Cathedral Flowers,
it starts from 80 dollars. Please write
your name and details of your
message on the sheet in the foyer.

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 Emmaus study group will resume our studies on 14th January 2026.

MARK'S GOSPEL

January

14	12: 1 - 43	Controversies with Jewish leaders
21	13: 1 - 35	End of the Age
28	14: 1 - 31	Last Supper

February

4	14: 32 - 72	Arrest
11	15: 1 - 41	Death of Jesus
18	15:1 to 16:19	Resurrection



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

NOTICES



zoom

Morning Prayer:

We have Parish Prayer each morning for 15 minutes at **9am, Monday to Saturday**.

You can join in via zoom using this link: Graham O'Brien's Personal Meeting Room:

<https://zoom.us/j/91751365604?pwd=JN12J9P2KmGV8kqR139aFmeuygOpb9.1>



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

Sunday 18 January

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Communion &
 Christmas Tree
 Switch-off Service

5:30pm Evening Prayer with Hymns

Open Daily

Thursday
27 November

2025

Sunday
18 January

2026

NELSON CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



YOUR
CATHEDRAL
NELSON

Heart of Christmas in the city

**Switch-Off Service
Sunday 18 January
10am**

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

