

A Place that Matters as the Spiritual Heart of Diocese and City

Giving Thanks

Kia Ora Cathedral Whānau,

We have come to our final *Cathedral News* of the year as we enter the season of Advent – our time of preparation as we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. This year feels a little different as we approach Christmas knowing that there are no restrictions in place and all our normal Christmas activities can resume. But just as I have found out over the past week, covid is still with us and we need to be careful.

As we journey towards Christmas and the New Year, may we remember and be thankful for all that God has done

We have had some great special services over the past month with Armistice Day, the switching-on of the Christmas Tree

Festival, and our Advent Carol Service. The Christmas Tree Festival in particular, is a very special event for our Cathedral and City, and I hope that over the coming weeks many people will come in and visit, marvel at the trees and give thanks for all the community groups and organisations that make Nelson such a special place. But most of all that people will recapture the sense of what Christmas is all about.

A big thank you to the volunteers- and performers who help make the festival possible, but especially the Christmas Tree Festival Team of Joc Smith, Chris and Judith Fitchett, Erin Beatson, and David Lucas who have been working since June to get this event up and running. We can now look forward to Nine-Lessons and Carols (Dec 18), the Christingle Service (Dec 23), Carols on the Steps (Dec 24), and our Christmas services on Dec 24 and 25.

As I look back over the year it is great to see how the staff team has grown as we have welcomed, Rev Emily Holmes as our Deacon-in-training, Nigel Weeks as our Choral Conduc-

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The Very Revd Dr Graham O'Brien
Dean of Nelson Cathedral

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*Festival of
Nine Lessons
and Carols*



*Sunday 18
December
7 pm*

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tor, Joy Shackleton running Cathedral Kids, and most recently Beryl Shatford-Banks in the Outreach Coordinator role. Along with Paul Chan, Joc Smith, David Lucas, Rebekah Spink and Rev Steve we have a fantastic team.

But alongside the staff team, there are a large number of volunteers who fill so many roles in the life of the Cathedral. Our retired clergy, pastoral care team, flower guild, all those on the Sunday rosters, Vestry, bellringers, those looking after the candles, Rev Russell Smith and his editing of the Cathedral News....the list goes on. Thank you everyone for all you do to make the Cathedral the spiritual heart of our City and Diocese.

As we journey towards Christmas and the New Year, may we remember and be thankful for all that God has done for us – symbolized for us by the Advent Wreath: The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, who is eternity and endless mercy; the green speaks of the hope we have in God, of renewal, newness and eternal life; the candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

God Bless

Graham



An opportunity for an end of year catch-up chat, sing-along and afternoon tea. Bring a friend.

Friday 2 December

2:30 - 3:30pm



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Nelson Cathedral Christian Meditation Group

Silence, Stillness, Simplicity
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Our small and friendly Christian Meditation group meets each Tuesday at 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Chapel, to meditate together. Come and join us and learn more about this ancient spiritual practice.
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Contact Mary Kroch 027 372 1173 or
Erin Beatson 027 680 6355

ALL WELCOME

Advent

Revd Steve Jordan



The often misunderstood liturgical season of Advent marks the new church year.

So often it has become simply the run-up to Christmas: a busy time buying presents, sending festive cards and preparing for egregious feasts. In fact, one of the key themes is preparing for the celebration of Christmas, recognising that the Christmas Presence is more important than Christmas presents. That is to say that the fundamental truth behind the birth narratives is that God intervenes in human affairs.

Another theme is recognising that while we think of the incarnation, Christians go further to welcome the Christ into their own hearts. In truth if we accept the Christ, it needs to be a complete immersion, not one in which we accept some elements while conveniently eschewing others.

The third strand is preparation for Christ's (second) coming. It gives the opportunity to take stock of our own lives, especially against that standard of 100% commitment. If (like me) you acknowledge that you fall short, being a member of flawed humankind, it might be appropriate to be penitent for our sins as we know that we will be judged on our conduct through life.

It's such an important season, we mustn't let the pre festive busyness deflect us from keeping our relationship with God central to our faith.

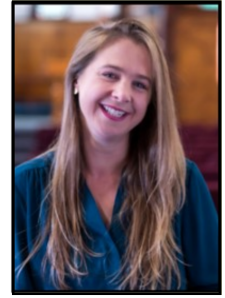
Blessings!

Steve



Kia ora Cathedral Whanau,

Rev Emily Holmes



What a beautiful adventure with God we are on in our Monday evening gatherings and community journeys. God is at work in slow unseen proper ways – inspiring people to seek Him in their weekly lives, encouraging and loving on the young and old, making them capable of reaching out to those around them to offer a meal or a prayer or some words of life.

One young Mum who has journeyed with us for a while said that she realised how her life had changed from torment to peace. While seeking to discover Jesus herself, she has asked for prayer for those in need, gone out of her way to help others we journey with and invited friends into this seeking with her. She is an inspiration to us.

An 8yr old youngster arrived yesterday, jumped out of the car, and asked after my health, remarking, “I’m so glad you’re back, its much less dull when you’re here.” One of my desires is to truly see each person God brings into our life, regardless of their age. To see each child along with each adult as a proper person and child of God is only trumped by the experience of them seeing you back.

It gives me so much joy to watch my kids excitedly arrive from school, set up a welcoming space for others and then gather the children as they arrive to continue welcoming everyone who comes! I feel like jumping with thanks to God when a group of friends seeking Jesus together, can gather with strangers and talk about life and faith in such a vulnerable and respectful way that each person feels safe to see and be seen, to hear and be heard. God works amongst the gathering, the eating, the conversations, and activities. God also works amongst the weekly journeys and spontaneous ways we do life together and support one another.

What an honour to gather around Jesus and practice being part of His mission here!

Blessings,
Rev Emily



ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN

Advent Service

All women of the parish are invited to an Advent Service hosted by
 The Association of Anglican Women /All Saints Women Together
 on

Thursday 8th December, at 7:30pm

at All Saints Church Foyer, 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson.

For enquiries/ questions, transport – please contact
 Kathy Cuthbert 548 8654 or 027 3337 633; Noeline Curtis 547 6483

CHRISTMAS AT NELSON CATHEDRAL



Christmas Tree Festival

Open every day till 15th January

Sunday 27th November

Advent Carol Service 6:30 pm

1st Dec – 21st Dec

Cathedral Concerts 1-1:30 pm
each weekday at Christmas Tree
Festival

Saturday 3rd December

*Nelson Civic Choir Christ-
mas Concert 'Joy To The World'
7 pm

Saturday 10th December

*Nelson City Brass Band Con-
cert 7 pm

Saturday 17th December

*Chroma Choir Christmas Con-
cert 7 pm

Sunday 18th December

Festival of Nine Lessons & Car-
ols 7 pm

Friday 23rd December

Christingle 5 pm

Christmas Eve 24th December

Carols on the Steps 8:45 pm
Christmas Eve Communion 11:00 pm
Choir sings Carols from Gallery
10:15 pm

Christmas Day 25th December

Holy Communion 8 am
Family Communion 10 am

Sunday 1st January

Holy Communion 8 am
Family Communion 10 am

Sunday 8th January

Holy Communion 8 am
Family Communion 10 am
Evening Prayer with Hymns 5:30 pm

Sunday 15th January

Holy Communion 8 am
Family Communion &
Christmas Tree Switch-off 10 am
Evening Prayer with Hymns 5:30 pm

* Paid Admission



Warden's Wardrobe



A Cathedral Organist's woes

Well what do you do when the Cathedral organ is out of action and the keyboard you have borrowed to provide the music for the wedding in the Chapel and the electricity supply fails and the bride and groom are about to walk down the aisle expecting the wedding march to accompany them !

Well if you are as capable as our Paul you step across to the piano and carry on as if nothing happened.

Challenges recently with our traditional organ and the cost of repairs has led Paul to write to the Treasurer about the ongoing cost of repairs and the suggestion we consider the purchase of a digital keyboard to be used in conjunction with our magnificent pipes.

Paul writes:

"The South Island Organ company (our organ maintenance company) has recommended a major maintenance project for the pipe organ as the instrument is aging quite badly and is expected to develop more major problems over the next 10 years. Without the planned remedial works the organ will continue to deteriorate and eventually break down one day in the future. Such work would include an overhaul of some pipe works and the electronic systems that connect the console with the pipes in the chamber which requires an extensive amount of time and money.

As a result this leads to consideration of a more economical alternative, a digital solution which is not only cheaper to run in the long term but also guarantees durability and versatility.

In fact we have been offered a roughly \$98,000 package that includes a 4 manual digital organ fitted with the latest technologies which I think will serve us well for the next 15-20 years at least Unlike the pipe organ it doesn't require quarterly tuning.

In most cases the sound quality is on a par with a real pipe organ if not surpassing it.

I am not a pipe organ purist or advocate of digital organs but I was just looking at this from a practical point of view.

We may not have the money upfront but if we could start doing some fundraising or approach some donors for inheritance funding this could be possible to achieve in the near future.

Instead of spending a fortune to keep up the existing instrument with the same specifications we could have a reliable and much more versatile Cathedral organ in the future.




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It will give us more flexibility and opportunities in our regular worship as well as music out reach.

If we stack up the yearly organ budget of \$10,000 for maintenance we have at present over the next 10 years” it will give us some \$100,000 anyway”

To the Wardens this makes a lot of sense so we thought we should put this out to our Parish in the hope Parishioners might consider if they can assist.

Kind regards and Christmas wishes to all.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful Cathedral.

Graham Allan
Jocelyn Smith
Churchwardens

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Monday to Saturday.
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using this zoom link:
Graham O'Brien's Personal
Meeting Room,
<https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/7448540777>

Free!
 1-1:30pm weekdays

**CATHEDRAL
CHRISTMAS
CONCERTS**



	1-2 Dec	5-9 Dec	12-16 Dec	19-21 Dec
<i>Monday</i>		5 Ollie & Bronte Morton Cello /Piano	12 Nelson Bays Harmony Chorus	19 Nelson Youth Choir led by Rosemary Galton
<i>Tuesday</i>		6 Songbirds Sharing Christmas	13 Haven Community Choir	20 Musical Theatre with Kelly Taylor & Friends
<i>Wednesday</i>		7 Joel Bolton Students	14 Organ Scholars Amen & Taemen Lee	21 Jessica & Amy D'Ath Piano & vocals
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Mary Ayre's Aspirational Young Pianists	8 'Even Readings' with Gaelynne, Sally, Hannah & Georgie	15 Te Mana Ha with Maria Oxnam	
<i>Friday</i>	2 Classical & Romantic piano	9 Jason Balla & the Civic Choir	16 Single Malt Quartet	



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CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Monday • Holy Communion 12:15 pm
Dec 5 and 12 (Will resume on Jan 9, 2023)

Wednesday • Holy Communion 11am
Dec 7,14,21 (Will resume on Jan 11, 2023)

Worship at Nelson Cathedral is varied and frequent with 4 different services on Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Choral Eucharist & Children's Church (live streamed)
12.30 pm	Whakatu Māori Mission Service Will resume in the New Year
5.30 pm	Evensong Dec 4 and 11 (resumes Jan 29). While the choir is on holiday we will hold Evening Prayer with Hymns through the holiday period except Dec 25 and Jan 1.

Open Daily 8:30am - 7:00pm

26 NOV
2022

15 JAN
2023

NELSON
CATHEDRAL
CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL



Weekday Lunchtime Concerts 1pm
Late Night Fridays 9 / 16 / 23 / 30 Dec



The Cathedral 10am service will be available for viewing on our website:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwg-Hxdb7caA2MiHgPxThAw/live>