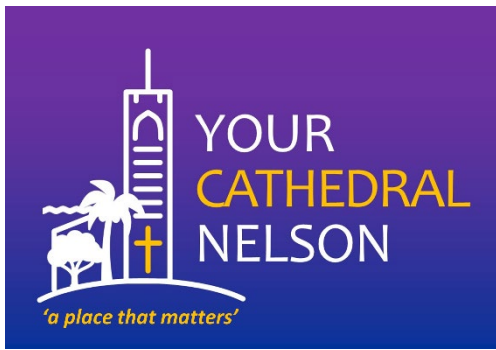




Welcome to CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON

Te Wharenuī Karakia o Whakatu

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025

Christ The King Sunday | Ko te Karaiti te Kīngi

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

This Sunday is the focal point for several features of the Church's calendar. As the Sunday before Advent, this Sunday marks the end of the liturgical year, so that next week (Advent I) marks the new year.

And just like we have with Lent and Easter, this is a time for preparation as we journey towards Christmas. So today we celebrate the feast-day of "Christ the King", where we remember that in looking back to celebrate the events of Jesus' birth, we are also looking forward and declaring that Jesus is the promised King - Lord of all - and he will come again. And in following our King, we seek to become more like him.

The Sunday before Advent is also known as Stir-Up Sunday.

This is traditionally the time to get the Christmas pudding or fruit cake made, allowing plenty of time for the flavours to develop before it's enjoyed on Christmas Day. But the idea of stir-up is also a time of preparation, so "stir up" refers both to God's action and our willingness to follow, just as the fruit in the cake refers to both God's work and ours. Our Collect prayer, based on the 1549 prayer book captures the focus of this action.

This week I can also announce that Beryl Shatford-Banks our Cathedral Outreach Coordinator will be leaving us at the end of this year. The funding for this role occurs in a three-year cycle which begins again in 2026. In our application, Vestry reviewed the role and our parish needs going forward. Beryl has decided the new job description is not a good fit for her and she also wants to be able to support and help her daughter and new grandchild. Beryl will finish up on Dec 31, and we will have a farewell before Christmas to celebrate her time with us.

Finally, I will not be with you this weekend as I join family in Christchurch for my father's 96th birthday. Over the past weeks his health has declined markedly, so this will be an important time for us all to be together.

God Bless,

Graham



WELCOME TO YOUR CATHEDRAL!

We are delighted to have families with children worship with us.
Our CathedralKids Programme for ages 5-ish to 12 runs during our 10am service.
Toys and activities are available for children, please ask the sidespeople.
Toilets can be found outside by exiting the main door and turning right.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

- ♦ Hearing Assistance technology is available. Please see the 'Contacts' page in the end of the Bulletin for more details.
- ♦ Ramp for access to the Sanctuary (on the right side).
- ♦ Special chairs available from Pulpit side for those with disabilities / back problems.

HEALTH ADVISORY NOTICE:

Worshippers experiencing cold or flu-like illnesses or associated symptoms are advised to stay home.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES:

In the event of a fire please follow the directions of the wardens and assemble at the nearest Assembly Point (top of the Church steps, or in the car park by the notice board). In the event of an earthquake Drop, Cover and Hold. If you are unable to get under a pew, please adopt the emergency brace position and cover your head and neck with your arms. Do not attempt to run outside once shaking has started. Once shaking has stopped please follow the directions of the wardens in evacuating the building. If you notice someone in need of assistance during the evacuation please provide help if you are able or notify a warden.

SERVICES

8:00AM

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

HOLY COMMUNION

Precentor Steve Jordan

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Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20,
Luke 23:33-43

10:00AM

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

CHORAL COMMUNION

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

Precentor Steve Jordan

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20,
Luke 23:33-43

Hymns

Christ Triumphant Ever Reigning (p4)
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour (p12)
All You Who Seek A Comfort Sure (p15)
Crown Him With Many Crowns (p20)

Psalm

Choir Anthem

Psalm 46

'May The Grace of Christ Uphold Us' by M Setchell

5:30PM

Minister of Liturgy

Reflection

Psalm

Choir Anthem

Readings

Hymns

CHORAL EVENSONG

Precentor Steve Jordan

Reverend Canon Simon Martin

Psalm 46 (p10)

'Locus Iste' by Bruckner

Esther 4:12-17, Hebrews 4:14-16 (p22)

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON



CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 23 November 2025

Order of Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney
<i>Preacher</i>	Precentor Steve Jordan
<i>Minister of Liturgy</i>	Jane Lucas
<i>Cathedral Organist</i>	Paul Chan
<i>Choral Director</i>	Nigel Weeks
<i>Communion Setting</i>	L.J White

Please stand as we sing

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT EVER REIGNING (CA104)

- 1** Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*
- 2** Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*
- 3** Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!***

John Barnard

Welcome

Precentor Steve Jordan

Precentor

All

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

Precentor

All

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Precentor

All

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please be seated, children come up

Stir Up Prayers

Precentor

We get ready for Christmas by being more Christlike.
We add the butter and sugar to give rich flavour
that remind us that love, kindness, caring and sharing
are the signs, the flavour,
of what it means to follow Jesus.

Add Ingredients

Janet

Stir up our hearts, Lord,
to prepare the way for your only son.
By His coming give us strength in our conflicts
and throw light on the paths we travel
in our broken, fear-filled world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Precentor Next we add the eggs,
the symbol of new life
reminding us that Jesus brings new life into the world
through God's peace.

Add Ingredients

Janet Stir up your power, Lord, and come.
Strengthen in us a lively hope of our resurrection
at your coming, that among the many evils and problems
which beset us, we may have your peace,
through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Precentor Our next ingredients are flour, wine and spices
that symbolise Holy Communion.
Through Jesus' death and resurrection
we are made children of God,
and made one as the body of Christ,
just as flour binds together the ingredients of the cake.
As we join together
our celebrations shine God's love and joy.

Add Ingredients

Janet Stir up your power, Lord, and come.
Remove anything in us
that gets in the way of us being one.
Help us to forgive each other as you forgive us,
so that we are ready for the season of celebration,
to receive you in joy and serve you forever.
We pray to you, O Christ,
one with the Father and the Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Precentor Finally, we add the fruit and nuts,
which remind us of our need for God's forgiveness.

Add Ingredients

Janet Stir up your power, Lord, and come among us.
Protect us by your strength and goodness
and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins.
We pray to you, O Christ, one with the Father,
and the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Precentor And as this cake is cooked,
we remember that food is for sharing.

All **Loving God,**
as we receive your love and joy this Christmas,
send us out to share your love and joy
with those in need.
Help us to love our neighbour as you love us.
Amen.

The children are invited to join their programme

Minister of Liturgy Let us pray

We say the Collect for Purity together

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

New Commandment

Minister of Liturgy Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment
I give to you, that you love one another as I have
loved you."

All **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

The choir sings the Kyrie

*Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy*

The Invitation and the Confession

Minister of Liturgy Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:
Jesus said: "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (*Matthew 11:28*)

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

(Silence)

Let us confess our sins.

**All Merciful God,
 we have sinned
 in what we have thought and said,
 in the wrong we have done
 and in the good we have not done.
 We have sinned in ignorance:
 we have sinned in weakness:
 we have sinned through
 our own deliberate fault.
 We are truly sorry.
 We repent and turn to you.
 Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
 and renew our lives to the glory of your name.
 Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced by the Celebrant

Celebrant Through the cross of Christ,
 God have mercy on you,
 pardon you and set you free.
 Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
 God strengthen you in all goodness
 and keep you in life eternal.

All Amen.

The choir sings the Gloria

*Glory be to God on high,
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 upon us.*

*For Thou only art Holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ with Holy Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

Minister of Liturgy

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

All

The Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Sentence and Collect

Sentence

But as for me, I keep watch for the Lord;
I wait in hope for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.
Micah 7.7

Collect

**Stir up, O God
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
may be by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ who is alive with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Please be seated for the reading

The Proclamation of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Read by Ernie Leaning

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 46

1	<i>God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.</i>
2	<i>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;</i>
3	<i>Though the waters rage and foam: and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.</i>
4	<i>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God: the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.</i>
5	<i>God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved: God will help her, and at break of day.</i>

- 6 *The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.*
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 8 *Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.*
- 9 *He makes wars to cease in all the world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the chariots in the fire.*
- 10 *‘Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted upon the earth.’*
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

*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

Colossians 1:11-20

Read by Maria John

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the

beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOUR (CA372)

- 1 Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.**
- 2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**
- 3 Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
feed thy people's hungry spirits
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Henry Scott-Holland 1847-1918

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Read by Reverend Murray Campbell

After the announcement

All sing Praise and glory to God

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ
All sing Praise to Christ, the Word

The Sermon

Precentor Reverend Steve Jordan

Minister of Liturgy We stand to affirm our faith
in the words of the Apostle's Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
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

Please remain standing

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.*

ALL YOU WHO SEEK A COMFORT SURE (CA26)

- 1 All you who seek a comfort sure
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress.**
- 2 Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart;
O, to that heart draw nigh.**
- 3 You hear how kindly he invites;
you hear his words so blest:
'All you that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest.'**
- 4 What meeker than the Saviour's heart?
As on the cross he lay,
it did his murderers forgive,
and for their pardon pray.**
- 5 Jesus, the joy of saints on high,
the hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to you I lift my prayer.**

**Wash then my wounds in that dear blood
which forth from you does flow;
by grace, a better hope inspire,
and risen life bestow.**

E.Caswall

Celebrant

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

All

Blessed be God for ever.



Celebrant

Kei konei te Ariki. The Lord is here.

All

God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant

Kia ara o koutou ngakau. Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

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

All

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation,
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise
through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image;
male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.

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

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

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.
Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of
heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts
Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glory
Glory be to Thee O Lord Most High*



*Blessed is He that cometh in
the name of the Lord
Hosanna, 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.**



All

**We do not presume to come to your holy table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your great mercy.**

**We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs
from under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is
always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the body of your dear Son,
Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us. Amen.**

Choir

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our
Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The congregation is invited to receive communion by coming up the side aisles
and returning down the centre aisle. Wafers will be offered and gluten free
wafers available on request. Wine is available in the common cup
(no intinction/dipping) and both wine and juice are offered in individual cups.*

The Choir sings the communion anthem 'May The Grace Of Christ Uphold Us'
by Martin Setchell

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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS (CA137)

- 1** **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

- 2** **Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

- 3** **Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends each burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

4 **Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

5 **Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges / G.J. Elvey

Blessing and Dismissal of the Community

Precentor *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

Fanfare - William Mathias

Evensong First Reading:

Esther 4:12-17

¹² When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³ Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' ¹⁵ Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' ¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Evensong Second Reading:

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 finish on Wednesday 17th December and resume our studies on 28th January 2026.

There will be a special study session on prayer as part of our preparations for Advent on Wednesday 26th November. All are welcome to attend.

The timetable for the study on Saint Mark's Gospel will be adjusted as follows:

November

26 Special Session on Prayer

The Gospel of Mark

December

3	Teaching in Judea	10:1 to 31
10	Journey to Jerusalem	10:32 to 52
17	Triumphal entry, cleansing of Temple	11: 1 to 33

PRAYERS

CHURCH

VICTORY COMMUNITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ✠ Vicar Rev Paul & Rita Nzimbi
- ✠ Community Pastor Jason Shaw
- ✠ Wardens
- ✠ Ministry Team
- ✠ Staff
- ✠ Retired clergy
- ✠ Outreach Team

COMMUNITY

- ✠ For our medical and hospice staff who take care of those in need
- ✠ For those affected by the loss of their loved ones

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

WORLD

- ✠ Pray for a just peace in Ukraine
- ✠ Pray for lasting peace in Gaza and Israel
- ✠ Pray for those affected by the urban wildfire in Japan

THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Rev Fergus & Janne Capie,
Marcus McGregor-Clarke,
Doreen, Wendi & Stann,
Andrew, Lindsey, Christine,
Charlotte, James, Mary Toll,
Katherine, Gillian Etherington, Paul,
Robert Smith, Lynnley Capell,
Lachlan, Alistair & Nanette,
Taranaki Dean Jay & Erin Ruka

BARNABAS PRAYER

Sunday 23 November 2025

Our Father in heaven, we pray today for our new brothers and sisters, who have found Christ and converted to the true faith. We know that many of them risk persecution and ostracisation for their conversion, and in some places even risk their lives. We thank You for their courage and newfound faith, and ask that You watch over them, guiding them through the challenges they now face. Help them to find other believers, who can teach them the Scriptures and give them a community, so that they will not feel alone. We praise You for all who have sacrificed their earthly safety for the sake of Christ, in whose Name we pray.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

Tuesday 25 November	• Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm
Wednesday 26 November	• Holy Communion Service 11am • Emmaus Discussion Group 12-1pm • Christmas Tree Festival Light-Up Service 6pm
Sunday 30 November Advent 1	• Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Advent Carols Service 5:30pm
Tuesday 18 November	• Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm
Wednesday 2 December	• Holy Communion Service 11am • Emmaus Discussion Group 12-1pm
Sunday 7 December Advent 2	• Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Evensong Service 5:30pm

EVENTS COMING UP:

22 November	Nelson City Brass Competition and Concert
26 November	Christmas Tree Festival Light-Up Service 6pm
29 November	Kia Kaha Fundraiser Concert for Ukraine 7:30pm Tickets at NCMA
30 November	Advent 1 Services and Earthquake Strengthening Update
30 November	Advent Carols Service 5:30pm
2-17 December	Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts 1-1:30 pm weekdays

Our Cathedral Fundraising Concerts

6 December	Saturday "A Cathedral Christmas" Concert 7pm
7 December	Sunday "A Cathedral Christmas" Concert 2pm

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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

The Christmas Tree Festival Roster for volunteer Welcomers is on the Bookstall. If you are available to be a Welcomer during the Christmas Tree Festival, can you please put your name down in any of the timeslots that suit you.



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/97447977658?pwd=TVihxc9ViQoAut7QV0wpsezHNWYa0i.1>



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



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

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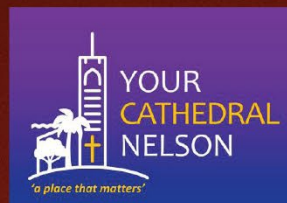
**Saturday, 29 Nov
7:30 pm
Tickets @NCMA.NZ**

*Days & Holidays
Silent Auction*

**Ukrainian-Inspired
Music from Nelson's
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MARGARITA JACKSON
KYOKO TAKASHIMA**

**Proceeds Support Ukrainian
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NBS NELSON CITY BRASS AND THE NELSON CATHEDRAL CHOIR

A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS

Nelson Cathedral

7:00pm Saturday 6th December

2:00pm Sunday 7th December

BOOK AT NCMA



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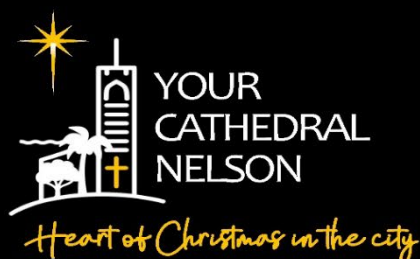
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City Council

Te Kaunihera o
Whakatū



- ★ Free weekday lunchtime concerts in December
- ★ Late night Fridays (5, 12 & 19 Dec until 9:30pm)

The First Four Free Lunchtime Concerts 1-1:30pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 Marg Buchanan * and students (piano and violin)	2 Hummin' Strummers * (Megan Cole, ACNT)	3 Tasmonics * (Alan Winwood)	4 Off Your Rockers (Philippa Beckman)

The Heart of the City at Christmas 2025

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Open every day till 18 January
Late night Fridays 5,12 & 19 Dec

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Weekdays 1-1:30pm
Mon 1 Dec – Fri 19 Dec



YOUR CATHEDRAL NELSON

Wednesday 26 November

6pm Christmas Tree Festival
Light Up Service

Sunday 30 November

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion
5:30pm Advent Carol Service

Saturday 6 December

*7pm 'This is Christmas' Concert with
Cathedral Choir & Nelson City Brass

Sunday 7 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion
*2pm 'This is Christmas' Concert with
Cathedral Choir & Nelson City Brass
5:30pm Evening Prayer With Hymns

Sunday 14 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion
5:30pm Evensong

Sunday 21 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion
7pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

* Ticketed event

Tuesday 23 December

5:30pm Kid's Christingle Service

Christmas Eve 24 December

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

Christmas Day 25 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion

Sunday 28 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

Sunday 4 January

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

Sunday 11 January

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

Sunday 18 January

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

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

Friday 12 December

2:00 - 3:30pm



the Heart of the City

Contact:
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Outreach Co-ordinator
03 548 1008 beryl@nelsoncathedral.nz

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

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