Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NELSON

Te Wharenui Karakia o Whakatū

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Te Rātapu Toru Tekau mā toru o He Wā Noa

Kia-ora Cathedral Whānau,

It feels funny to say this, but in 10-days time we will begin our Christmas season as we set up for the Christmas Tree Festival and hold the 'Switch on Service' on Wednesday Nov 25. On the other side of the world in places like Vienna and Amsterdam which we visited, they have begun their famous Christmas markets…which can include real snow.

The Christmas Tree Festival continues to be a highlight of our Cathedral year and the team has been planning since July. Many thanks to the Festival team led by Joc Smith who have worked so hard to put this together, John Collyns who is organizing the Lunchtime Concerts, and to those from the Cathedral who have been making the Welcome Tree, Garland, and Memory Tree decorations. The Festival is something we can all participate in so if you have time to help with setting up or being a Welcomer during the Festival, please see the bulletin for details.

For our Choir, Christmas is also a busy season which starts with the Christmas Concert on Nov 27 and Advent Carols on Nov 29. Thanks to Nigel Week, Paul Chan and the Choir for the extra practices, and we look forward to these wonderful events.

With all that is going on in our world and in Aotearoa New Zealand at this time, I pray Christmas will remind us of God's peace, provision and hope. Recently, I had the 20th anniversary of my ordination as a Deacon in Nelson Cathedral (Oct 27, 2006), and in the Bible from Bp Derek Eaton he highlighted these words from Philippians 4:19-20. Paul writes: *And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

May we remember this Christmas that it is God who is in control and so in Christ we have hope.

God Bless,

Graham



WELCOME TO YOUR CATHEDRAL!

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

SERVICE INFORMATION:

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

HEALTH ADVISORY NOTICE:

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES:

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

SERVICES

8:00AM	**HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant	Dean Graham O'Brien
Preacher	Reverend Jenny Wilkens
Readings	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

10:00AM	**CHORAL COMMUNION**
Celebrant	Dean Graham O'Brien
Preacher	Reverend Jenny Wilkens
Readings	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
Hymns	Ye Servants Of The Lord (p4) As Sons Of The Day And Daughters Of Light (p10) Take My Life And Let It Be (p14) God Of Freedom (p20)
Psalm	Psalm 90:1-11
Choir Anthems	'God Be In My Head' by W. Davies & 'The Fruits of the Land' by D. Ogden

5:30PM	**CHORAL EVENSONG**
Minister of Liturgy	Dean Graham O'Brien
Reflection	Reverend Jenny Wilkens
Readings	Judges 4:4-10, Luke 14:7-14 (p21)
Psalm	Psalm 90:1-11
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CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 15 November 2026

Order of Service

Celebrant	**Dean Graham O'Brien**
Preacher	**Reverend Jenny Wilkens**
Minister of Liturgy	**Jocelyn Smith**
Organist	**Paul Chan**
Choral Director	**Nigel Weeks QSM**
Communion Setting	**Harold Darke in F**

Please stand as we sing

YE SERVANTS OF THE LORD (CA757)

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1
Ye servants of the Lord,
each for his coming wait,
observant of his heav'nly word,
and watchful at his gate.

2
Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awesome is his name.

3
Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

4 *
O happy servants they,
in such a posture found,
who share their Saviour's triumph day,
with joy and honour crowned.

5 **Christ shall the banquet spread**
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid th' angelic band.

Philip Doddridge 1702-1751

Welcome

Dean Graham O'Brien

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

Dean The Lord be with you.
All **The Lord bless you.**

Dean This is the day which the Lord has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Please be seated

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 (repeat),
And in earth peace, good will toward 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, Heavenly 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 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

Happy are those whose helper is the God of Jacob;
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them,
who keeps a promise for ever. *Psalm 146:5,6*

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love towards you that,
loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated for the reading

The Proclamation of the Word
The Old Testament Reading
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Read by Jim Wiseman

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like
dust, and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 90:1-11

1 *Lord, you have been our refuge:*
from one generation to another.

2 *Before the mountains were born*
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.

3 *You turn man back into dust:*
saying 'Return to dust, you sons of Adam.'

4 *For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing:*
or like one watch of the night.

5 *You cut them short like a dream:*
like the fresh grass of the morning;

6 *In the morning it is green and flourishes:*
at evening it is withered and dried up.

7 *And we are consumed by your anger:*
because of your indignation we cease to be.

8 *You have brought our iniquities before you:*
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.

9 *Our days decline beneath your wrath:*
and our years pass away like a sigh.

10 *The days of our life are three score years and ten,*
or if we have strength, four score:
the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.

11 *Who can know the power of your wrath:*
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?

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
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Read by Judith Fitchett

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that
the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There
is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you,
beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you
are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on
the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep
we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each
other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All **Thanks be to God**

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

AS SONS OF THE DAY AND DAUGHTERS OF LIGHT

1 **As sons of the day and daughters of light,**
no longer we sleep like creatures of night:
for Jesus has died that with him we may live;
by all he gave us, we learn how to give.

2 **One body in Christ, let all play their part:**
the lazy be warned, the timid take heart;
let those who are hurt
never pay back with wrong,
but serve one another: together be strong!

3 **Be constant in prayer, at all time rejoice,**
in all things give thanks - let God hear your voice!
Alive to his Spirit, alert to his word,
test all things, and hold to what pleases the Lord.

4 **May God who first called,**
gave peace and made whole,
preserve us from fault in body and soul;
our Lord Jesus Christ keep us firm in his grace
until at his coming we meet face to face.

Christopher M Idle

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:14-30

Read by John Fitchett

After the announcement

All sing **Praise and glory to God**

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had
received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five
more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one
who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.” 21 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.”

[22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
[24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26] But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Dean Graham O'Brien

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 offer those around you a sign of 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.)
We also offer up the prayers that people have written during the week.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE (CA625)

**Starred verses will be omitted at Evensong*

1 **Take my life and let it be**
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 **Take my hands, and let them move**
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 * **Take my voice, and let me sing**
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 **Take my will, and make it thine:**
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

5 **Take my love; my Lord, I pour**
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal / Wenzel Muller

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant Kei konei te Ariki. The Lord is here.
All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Kia ara o koutou ngakau. Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Kia whakapai tatou ki to tatou Ariki ki te Atua.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

By his death on the cross,
He made the one perfect sacrifice
for the sin of the world
and freed us from the bondage of sin.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
You exalted him in glory.

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of
heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.
Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the Highest.
Hosanna in the Highest.
Amen.

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 anthems 'God Be In My Head' by Walford Davies & 'The Fruits Of The Land' by David Ogden

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry is offered during Communion at the 10am service. If you would like brief prayer for yourself or a friend or loved one, after you have taken communion, come to the Chapel, where a clergyperson and layperson will be happy to pray with you. They will also offer anointing on the hands or forehead for healing if you would like that. Do take up this opportunity for prayer and pastoral care.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant — Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.

All — **May we who share Christ's body**
Live his risen life;
We who drink his cup
Bring life to others;
We whom the Spirit lights
Give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So we and all your children shall be free,
And the whole earth live to praise your name.
Amen.

Notices

Dean Graham O'Brien

Please stand to sing our final Hymn

GOD OF FREEDOM, GOD OF JUSTICE (CA224)

**Starred verses will be omitted at Evensong*

1 **God of freedom, God of justice,**
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith,
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

2 **Rid the earth of torture's terror,**
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the pow'r of pity,
restless for the common good.

3 **Make in us a captive conscience**
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs.

Shirley Erena Murray

Blessing and Dismissal of the Community

Dean *Haere i runga i te rangimarie i runga i te aroha*
me te ngakau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

All **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Organ Voluntary

Risoluto (from Four Epilogues) - Lloyd Webber

Evensong Readings:

First Reading:

Judges 4:4-10

4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel.
5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement.
6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'
8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Second Reading:

Luke 14:7-14

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'
12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

PRAYERS

CHURCH

MAPUA (Hills Community Church)

- Rev Emily Holmes
- Chair of Governance Team
- Elder Care, Kidz n' Koffee
- Child, youth and family workers
- Retired Clergy

Pray for Team Hills to know and overflow with hope, compassion & courage in Jesus as we practice being God's church in Māpua, serving our community

COMMUNITY

- Pray for those who are studying for exams
- Pray for the formation of our NZ Government and our new Nelson MPs

WORLD

- Pray for a just peace in Ukraine and the Middle East
- The Christian village of Teybah in the occupied West Bank
- The persecuted church, especially in Africa and Egypt
- Pray for a peaceful resolution to the general strike and the protests in Spain

THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Doreen, Shaun Cotter, James, Marcus McGregor-Clarke, Christine, Judith, Lynnley Capell, Buster & Susanne, Lindsey, Andrew, Gillian Etherington, Clare & Roger, Lachlan, Mary Toll, Dale & Mark, Robert & Ruth Smith, Charlotte, Paul, baby Archie, Janet, Katherine, Janet & Peter Fletcher, Mike & Verena

BARNABAS PRAYER

Sunday 15 November 2026

Sovereign Lord, we pray for Christians living in conflict zones around the world, beset by danger and threats. We thank You that our battle is not against flesh and blood, and no army, however vast, can thwart Your purposes. Enable, we pray, Your people to know that they need not fear or be discouraged, for the battle and ultimate victory belongs to You. We ask for Your protection against attack and safe passage away from scenes of destruction, for we ask in the Name of the One who defeated all the powers of darkness, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 6:12; 2 Chronicles 20:15)

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

Reverend Nigel Whinney
021 118 9985

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 17 November	• Walking Group 9am • Christian Meditation group 5-6pm
Wednesday 18 November	• Holy Communion Service 11am • Emmaus Discussion Group 12 -1pm
Thursday 19 November	• Craft Group in Quiet Room 1-3:30pm
Sunday 22 November	• Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am Armistice Day Service • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5:30pm
Tuesday 24 November	• Walking Group 9am • Christian Meditation group 5-6pm
Wednesday 25 November	• Holy Communion Service 11am • Emmaus Discussion Group 12 -1pm • **Christmas Tree Festival Light-Up Service 6pm**
Thursday 26 November	• Craft Group in Quiet Room 1-3:30pm
Sunday 29 November	• Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am Armistice Day Service • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5:30pm

EVENTS COMING UP:

25 November	Christmas Tree Festival Light-Up Service **6pm**
27 November	Cathedral Choir Concert **7pm**
30 November	Lunchtime Concerts **1pm** (Mon-Fri until Dec 18)

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:
https://zoom.us/j/91371731681?pwd=WDhkYWRDoAykPxgbK3jtvbHvhalkx

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LIVE STREAMING

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**

HELP WANTED

The Christmas Tree Festival set-up begins this week. We need some strong helpers on **Friday 20 November** (10ish – 3ish) to help with moving furniture, setting up the Nativity etc.

Then on **Monday 23 November** the big tree is coming at 10am. Help from 10ish to 12ish would be appreciated.

Lastly, it would be great to have some baking to serve to the exhibitors as they set up their trees on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th.**

Ph Joc 027 548 7774

Email joc.smith@xtra.co.nz

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.





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



NOTICES

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 in the Teaching Room. Contact Reverend Nigel for details (see back of Bulletin).

All are welcome.

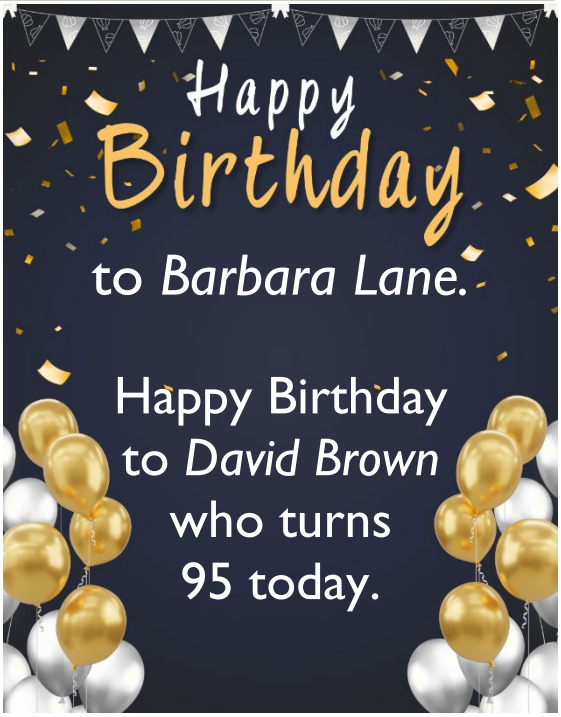
November	**Matthew's Gospel**	
18	Parables of the Kingdom	Chapter 13
25	Herod's reaction	Chapter 14

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.

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







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

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

Book tickets at
nelsoncathedral.nz



CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7PM FRIDAY 27 NOV 2026



Featuring Benjamin Britten's
'A Ceremony of Carols' plus
your favourite Christmas music
tickets **nelsoncathedral.nz**

WELCOME NEWCOMERS



We are delighted to have you join us for today's service. Please fill out the form, tear it off, and place it in the mail box in the Quiet Room or give it to a member of the Clergy. By filling out this form, you will go on our Parish Roll and email list.

I would like to know more about:

- ❑ Kids Church
- ❑ Choir
- ❑ 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

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