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## Lambeth Calls

Kia ora, Cathedral Whānau,

Over the past few weeks, Anglican Bishops from around the world have been meeting in the UK for the 15th Lambeth Conference. Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead, exploring what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

**“God’s Church  
for  
God’s World -  
walking,  
listening  
and witnessing  
together.”**

In previous years, such a gathering of Bishops produces a number of statements, but this year the conference has adopted a different process called “Lambeth Calls”. This is the name given to describe declarations, affirmations and common calls to the church shared by the bishops that are taking part, based on the theme of ‘God’s Church for God’s World - walking, listening and witnessing together.’ These statements then become an appeal to each church of the Communion to consider carefully,

how to respond and follow each call in our own context.

Below are the themes on which the Lambeth Calls are based, and I have summarised one or two points from each.

### **Mission and Evangelism**

That each diocese and every church commit to prayer, listening and discernment, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to discern how to bear faithful witness to Christ and authentically proclaim the gospel. This to include praying for the Holy Spirit to work in hearts and minds so that the message of the gospel would be received and bear fruit.

### **Reconciliation**

That Anglicans worldwide turn to God in prayer for refreshment in Christ’s distinctive offering of mercy and grace amidst the fracture, division and polarisation around us. For each province and dioceses to join in this Communion-wide practice of reconciliation, listening respectfully to the experiences of those who have historically been, and continue to be, marginalised in their contexts and in their church.

### **Safe Church**

To make the safety of all persons in the provinces of the Anglican Communion a priority of their focus, resource allocation and actions. Thereby, fulfilling our responsibility to protect all people in our care by following the Guidelines and to enhance the safety of all persons – especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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

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### Foundation Day and 180th Anniversary Celebration



**Sunday  
21st August  
2022**

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### ***Environment and Sustainable Development***

To treasure God's marvellous creation, recognising the profound interdependence of all life on earth and repenting of actions and theologies of domination, which have caused great harm to the earth and injustices to its people. To build on the reach and influence of the Church to challenge ourselves and humanity to transform our mindset away from exploitation of the natural world to one of relationship and stewardship, recognising that climate change impacts unequally on women and future generations.

### ***Christian Unity***

To renew our commitment to an urgent search for the full visible unity of the Church, working with our brothers and sisters in other Churches in the mission of proclaiming the good news of Christ and responding to the needs of the world.

### ***Inter-faith Relations***

To work for the common good with those of other religious traditions and beliefs, seeking neighbourly peace-making across religious communities, and in solidarity with our Christian sisters and brothers in struggling contexts. That all disciples of Christ, commit to pray for the persecuted church in its continuing efforts to be a gentle presence even in the face of hostility. That all of us witness to our neighbours of other religious traditions in humility, in word and deed, and through humble service.

### ***Anglican Identity***

To revitalize Anglicanism's Marks of Mission with particular attention to the Anglican balance of Word and sacrament, missional priorities discerned by the provinces, diverse cultural expressions of the Gospel, ecumenical commitments, and inter-faith co-operation.

### ***Human Dignity***

As Scripture witnesses to the inherent dignity and equality of all human beings because all are made in the image of God. And because it is God's intent to curate the richness of the world's cultures in the final and full revelation of God's glorious redemption (Rev. 21:24) therefore the Church is called to protect the dignity of all creation, cultures, and human beings.

### ***Discipleship***

For all Anglicans to learn and learn again the liberating way of Christ in every aspect of their lives, with the strength that God supplies. So, we call on Anglicans to be guided by the Five Marks of Mission to:

- Tell – to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom through our worship and in daily life
- Teach – to teach, baptise and nurture new believers through our local churches
- Tend – to respond to human need by loving service in whatever ways we can
- Transform – to work to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation
- Treasure – to strive to safeguard the integrity of Creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

### ***Science and Faith***

We call on all Anglicans as they participate in mission to recognise within science God-given resources for the life of faith and to offer the wisdom of faith to its work. We call on every Anglican disciple to grow in their understanding of science as integral to the wellbeing of all disciples and to the mission of every church, so that they can play a more active role as citizens of the world and be God's Church for God's World.

If you are interested to read more you can download the document at:

<https://www.lambethconference.org/programme/lambeth-calls/>.

I look forward to seeing how we as a diocese engage in these important issues.

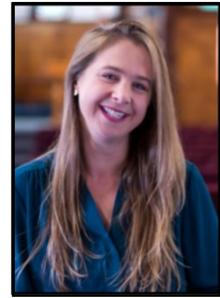
God Bless

*Graham*



# Winter Sunshine

Rev'd Emily Holmes



What a cold wet winter it has been! For some, this makes it even harder to get out of our house to connect with others. For some, this causes hardship with heating and health. Winter is surely a season to endure. It is also a time to support each other in our journeys through the cold.

Bishop Steve spoke at the Diocese Leadership conference about looking for the sunshine in Winter – for the warmth of God's activity amongst us. God's tangible nearness in this season encourages our hearts through to warmer days ahead. I don't know about you, but by merely living in this world, I am in constant need of God's encouragement and to receive it I must be watching for His activity.

On that note, let me share with you a couple of 'winter sunshine' moments that have been happening at our *Refresh Monday* service. One week, we had a young man with some life troubles who didn't have the comfort of being anonymous as he was the only one there that week. As we read through a Psalm and chatted about God, he really connected with the questions our kids asked and got to share vulnerably from his own thinking. Another week, we had the pleasure of meeting an elderly parishioner who had remarkably made her way to the service in the cold evening and taken seriously our invitation to bring something to add. Her precious picture, scripture and thoughts were precisely God's encouragement to Greg & I that week and her faith really blessed everyone.

It has been heart-warming to see individuals, families and kids engage sincerely in that Monday night space, surprising themselves with the light and warmth of God they have to offer others around them. If any of you are keen to drop in for soup and life-chats with Jesus let me know and ask God what you might have to offer others!

Blessings and peace,

Emily


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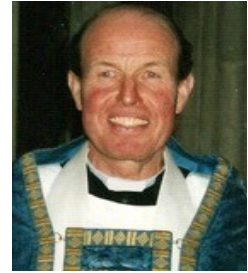
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# Blame

*Revd Nigel Whinney*



It is strange that whenever anything goes wrong, we immediately look round for someone or something to blame.

The usual culprit for just about everything at the moment is Covid.

It is never our fault!

We have just returned from a six-week trip to England and Canada. It is four years since we had a family reunion so when all my first cousins met up for lunch it was like a wonderful meeting of old friends.

Conversation and family news flowed; it was a marvelous catchup.

The only 'fly in the ointment' was the non-delivery of Harriet's suitcase.

Who was to blame? Was it the baggage handlers or the airline?

In fact it was a delay in the arrival of our incoming flight leaving little time for the transfer.

Then on to Canada. Again, it was a very emotional reunion. We had not seen our son and his family for three years. What was to blame? Covid, of course.

Our grandchildren had matured from children to young adults. It took quite a lot of tactful conversation before we were a happy family once again - especially with the two German Shepherds and a Pyrenean sheep dog in company!

The journey back was uneventful until we tried to get back to Nelson. It was 31 hours of frustration and endless queues before we arrived home.

What was to blame? Fog.

It is good to be back and receive such a warm welcome from the congregation.

It is tempting to think that we were not at fault in any of this, but I suspect that there might have been an element of impatience on our behalf; it was just one of those things, wasn't it?

But next time something goes wrong, just think you might have had a hand in the outcome.

*Nigel Whinney*

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## The Test of FAITH

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- Rev Dr Graham O'Brien  
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- Rev Greg Holmes  
(MSc Comp. Sci.; BSc Hons Phys/Maths (in progress); B.Theology)

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## In Memoriam Peter Toll

Passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022



## Nelson Cathedral Christian Meditation

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# 180 Years of Christianity on Important Cathedral Site

Period dress, a reenactment tent and an excerpt from the original 1842 sermon will set the scene for Nelson Cathedral's 180 year celebration of the first Christian communion service led by Bishop Selwyn on Piki Mai.

The Cathedral will be celebrating 180 years of Anglican activity on Church Hill during their Sunday service on August 21.

The formal association with Cathedral and City was established in Nelson's history when Queen Victoria signed the Letters Patent to establish a Bishop's See (seat) in 1858 and this royal decree officially gave Nelson the status of city before it reached the normal 20,000 population. It only had 5,000 people at the time and cattle still wandered down the main street.

To recreate Bishop Selwyn's historic tent gathering on August 28, 1842, which started the link between the Anglican church and Piki Mai, Cathedral Dean Graham O'Brien said that the commemoration service will begin in a tent on the Church Hill site and then conclude inside the nearby Cathedral.

"We invite all Nelsonians to the service to mark this anniversary in Nelson's early history," the Dean added. "There are not many places in New Zealand that can celebrate 180 years of worship and prayer on one site."

Bishop Selwyn was fluent in te reo and ran Maori and English language services on Sundays from 8am to 4:30pm. Services after sunset were not possible due to the lack of lighting. The Cathedral today has continued Selwyn's example and includes te reo services each Sunday held by the Anglican Maori Mission.

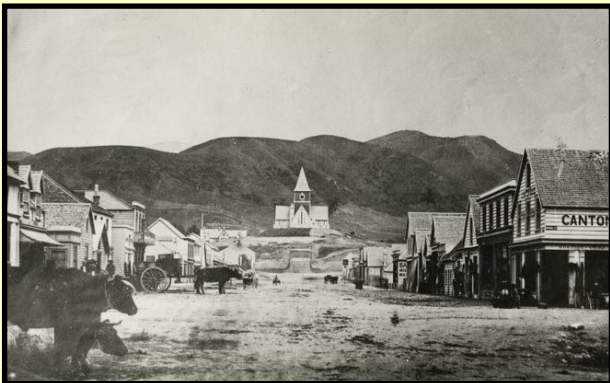
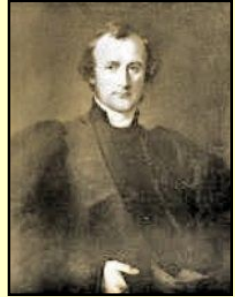
Selwyn's tent was fitted out with axe-hewn kneeling boards and was filled to capacity with 200 attending the first tent service.

Bishop Selwyn stayed in Nelson for several months and on 4 September, on a wet and stormy morning, he delivered a sermon in support of a church building fund. A few hours later the storm blew down the tent. Fortunately, enough money was raised during Selwyn's visit to purchase a surveyor's room and Immigration shed for conversion to a temporary church on Church Hill.

The first purpose-built church building on the hill was completed nine years later in 1851 and stood overlooking Trafalgar Street and then in 1858 Nelson gained its own Cathedral on the same site at the same time that Nelson became a Bishop's seat and city.

The 180 year service will also include the annual foundation day commemoration of the existing Cathedral which has a foundation stone laid on August 2, 1925.

The service is open to everyone and will be followed by morning tea in the Cathedral as well as a koha for church missionaries.



Christ Church on Piki Mai at the top of Trafalgar Street circa 1860



Bishop Selwyn's tent (the same or similar) when he later used it at St. John's College, Auckland.



## Warden's Wardrobe



The Wardens are delighted that Evensong is back as a regular service. Thank you Dean Graham, Choir Director Nigel, Organist Paul and our choir that make this possible. It is a wonderfully rich service with its contemplative liturgy and music.

The reflections/sermons have from time to time been given by lay leadership, Jillian Jowitt, Joc Smith and Graham Allan. Also our new Deacon, Emily.

On Sunday evening 31 July, we were treated to a reflection by Dean Emeritus Charles with Paul our organist based on two choral preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach.

J.S. Bach has been described as the Fifth Evangelist. Just as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John conveyed the Good News of Gods coming and dwelling with us as a human in Christ Jesus in word; some find Bach's music conveys to them a sense of the divine, of the transcendental, a dialogue with existential matters. Dean Charles built on the music of the preludes and the words of the associated hymns to give us much to reflect on.

In her Reflection on Sunday evening the 10th July, our Deacon, Rev'd Emily Holmes introduced us to the Christian writer James K.A. Smith who, in his book 'Desiring the Kingdom' reminds us that every day we consciously and unconsciously are feeling our way through life while being motivated by and allegiant to whatever it is that we ultimately love or value.

Similar thoughts can be found in C.S. Lewis's 'Mere Christianity': "The Christian says 'Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. People feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find myself with a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same."

Emily concluded her reflection with another C.S Lewis quote:

*"Every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellow-creatures, and with itself. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us at each moment is progressing to the one state or the other."*

The Wardens remind parishioners that a legacy in their will in favour of the Cathedral towards earthquake strengthening costs will help ensure the values and principles our Cathedral preserves are continued for future generations.

**Graham Allan  
Jocelyn Smith**

**Wardens**

# Evensong

Paul Chan  
Cathedral Organist



Evensong is a service unique to the Anglican Church and has been in use for more than four centuries. Although the Choir leads the major part of the service, the Congregation is able to share fully in the worship by joining in the hymns and responding in heart and mind, as well as voice, to all that is going on in the service.

Worship without music does not easily soar; wherever the church has been concerned to make worship really expressive of truth, music has been used: sometimes this means music simple enough for everyone to join in; but at other times it means more elaborate music, in which those who are especially gifted lead the worship on behalf of everyone else.

Choral Evensong is an example of the second form. The skilled singing of a Cathedral Choir, and the cohesive playing of a Cathedral Organist, is in partnership with the architecture and the stained glass of the building: it is a finely wrought music, in which the musicians offer on behalf of the people what we cannot always do ourselves.

We are so pleased and excited to have Nigel join us recently and have therefore been able to resume our Choral Evensong tradition on Sundays. The invitation is for all, especially those who want to deepen their experience of God through music, and those who are open to let music take them to the further exploration of their spiritual journeys.

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## KidSing

Nelson Cathedral is looking for young singers for its new Junior Choir Scholarship Programme conducted by our Choral Director Nigel Weeks QSM



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Semester One begins September 2022 | Semester Two begins February 2023

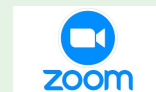
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## ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN

The Cathedral branch of AAW is now in recess. However the All Saints group have very kindly invited us to join in with them. All Saints meet on the second Thursday of the month and meetings alternate between mornings and evenings.

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### Cathedral News

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## CATHEDRAL SERVICES

**Monday • Holy Communion 12:15 pm**  
**The Wednesday 10am and Friday 12.15pm Communion services are on hold during winter and will resume in spring.**

**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
5.30 pm	Evensong

### Funeral Service for

## The Reverend Allen Francis Michel

(b.1937- d.2022)

Nelson Cathedral, Friday August 19, 11am.

The service will be live streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel.

The Dean has asked for attending clergy to please wear a clerical shirt and collar.

## Special Services Coming

- **Commemoration of Worship on Piki Mai**  
– Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August
- **Pet Service (St Francis of Assisi)**  
– Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- **Trafalgar Day Service**  
– Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- **Armistice Day**  
– Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November



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

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