

Welcome to
**CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL, NELSON**

Te Wharenui Karakia o Whakatū

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

5th Sunday of Easter | Te Rātapu Tuarima o te Aranga

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

As a word of encouragement, I would like to share an example of the Lord's work among us. Two weeks ago, I was talking to Richie after the 10am service. He mentioned that he had been off work with a very sore neck over the past month, so after our conversation we prayed briefly that the pain would go away. The following week I asked Richie how his neck was and he said, the day after there was no pain and he felt an incredible change in his neck – even his physio was surprised.

I have to admit I too was a bit surprised, and for me it is a good reminder that Jesus is at work amongst us, answering our prayers, even healing our wounds. We just have to ask, persist in asking and trusting Jesus no matter what. As the account of Jesus and two disciples on the road to Emmaus recalls, Jesus meets us where we are, and this poem captures how Jesus walks with us.

Walking down the road to Emmaus
two young men they walk the lonely mile.
All of their hopes and dreams were shattered
hung on a cross and left to die.

There are times we feel so lonely,
feel that God's so far away;
all alone, no hope before us.
What does God care anyway!

Walking down the road to Emmaus
a stranger joins the lonely miles,
sharing his love and hope restoring,
returning their hearts love to a fire.

He is near he'll never leave us,
beside us always he will stay.
Jesus so loved the world he gave his life to us,
so love will stay.

Running down the road from Emmaus
two men full of life were seen,
life in their heart again was burning
for with their Saviour they had been.

So for us we're on a journey
with Jesus we will walk all those miles,
along our path to Emmaus
with his hope and love as our guide.

At Evensong this week, it is a pleasure to welcome Rev Emma Haggard who is giving the reflection. Emma is vicar of All Hallows Church in Ipswich, UK, and a Tertiary in the Franciscan Third Order. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and playing piano and Irish flute. It is great to have Emma with us as she travels NZ and spends time with friends and learns more about Aotearoa, New Zealand.

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

Celebrant

Preacher

Readings

HOLY COMMUNION

Dean Graham O'Brien

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

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10:00AM

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Hymns

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Psalm 23

'A Flower Remembered' by John Rutter

5:00PM

Minister of Liturgy

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CHORAL COMMUNION

Sunday 26 April 2026

Order of Service

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | Reverend Jenny Wilkens |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney |
| <i>Minister of Liturgy</i> | Jane Lucas |
| <i>Organist</i> | Paul Chan |
| <i>Choral Director</i> | Nigel Weeks |
| <i>Communion Setting</i> | John Ireland |

Please stand as we sing

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (CA310)

- 1** I heard the voice of Jesus say,
come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary and worn and sad;
I found him in a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
- 2** I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are gone.**

Ralph Vaughan Williams / Horatius Bonar

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

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 to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
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 In your constant love, O Lord,
you have led the people whom you ransomed;
you have guided them by your strength
to your holy dwelling-place.
Exodus 15:13

Collect **Good Shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold;
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
where you reign One God for ever.
Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Read by John Collyns

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

We remain seated as the choir sings Psalm 23

- 1 *The Lord is my shepherd:
 therefore can I lack nothing.*
- 2 *He will make me lie down in green pastures:
 and lead me beside still waters.*
- 3 *He will refresh my soul:
 and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.*
- 4 *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil:
 for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.*
- 5 *You spread a table before me
 in the face of those who trouble me:
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup will be full.*
- 6 *Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
 will follow me all the days of my life:
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*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

I Peter 1:16-25

Read by Judith Fitchett

¹⁶ For it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' ¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All

Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (CA649)

- 1** **The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

- 2** **Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

- 3** **Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

- 4** **In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

- 5** **And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

Henry Williams Baker

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Holy Gospel Reading
John 10:1-11

Read by Dean Graham O'Brien

After the announcement

All sing **Praise and glory to God**

¹Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All sing **Praise to Christ, the Word**

The Sermon

Reverend Canon Nigel Whinney

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

Precentor Steve Jordan

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

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going-down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.
We will remember them.



When you go home,
Tell them of us,
And say,
“For your tomorrows
We gave our today.”

The National Anthem

All

**E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa.**

All **God of Nations at Thy feet**
In the bonds of love we meet
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

Please remain standing 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 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.*

AT THE NAME OF JESUS (CA54ii)

1 **At the name of Jesus**
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who, from the beginning,
was the mighty Word.

2 **At his voice creation**
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders,
in their great array.

3 **Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.**

4 **In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.**

5 **Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Caroline M. Noel

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;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the Highest,
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.**



**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,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
Have mercy,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us,
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
'A Flower Remembered' by John Rutter

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

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST

- 1** At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
- 2** Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.
- 3** Mighty victim from the sky,
powers of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

George J Elvey/Robert Campbell

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

Allegro assai (from Sonata No.4, Op.61) - Alexandre Guilmant

Evening Service First Reading: Ruth 1:1-18

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

¹⁰They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.'

¹¹But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband.

Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.'

¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.'

¹⁶ But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Evening Service Second Reading :

John 10:11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

PRAYERS

CHURCH

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICTS

- ☞ Pray for a Vicar
- ☞ Transitional Minister
Rev Philip Greenwood
- ☞ Wardens
- ☞ Senior Care Workers
- ☞ Ministry
- ☞ Retired Clergy
and visiting ministers

COMMUNITY

- ☞ Those in the North Island
affected by the heavy rain
- ☞ Those who are travelling
during the long weekend

WORLD

- ☞ Pray for a just peace in Ukraine
- ☞ Pray for peace throughout
the Middle East
- ☞ Pray for the ceasefire to
continue between Iran and the USA
- ☞ Prayer for stability of the
world economy

THOSE SICK / IN NEED OF PRAYER

Lachlan, Judith, Katherine,
Marcus McGregor-Clarke,
Ruby, Monu Lokhande, Doreen,
Mary Toll, Wendi & Stann, Paul,
James, Andrew, Charlotte,
Christine, Gillian Etherington,
Peter Fletcher, Lynnley Capell,
Lindsey, Scott & Rachel

BARNABAS PRAYER **Sunday 26 April, 2026**

Lord Jesus, we pray for our brothers and sisters who live in countries where they must practise their faith in utmost secrecy because of repressive laws and persecution. We ask You to guide them by Your Spirit to grow in their relationship with joy and experience fortifying fellowship with Your family.

Please grant them wisdom to communicate through their lives the reality and joy of knowing You and use their testimony, silent and spoken, to lead others to Your light. Enable them to know, through the witness of the Holy Spirit, that they are not forgotten and are precious in Your sight, because we ask in Your holy Name. (Matthew 5:14-16)

CATHEDRAL CARE TEAM

The team are a group of parishioners who are willing to help others if and when they would appreciate some form of help. We are prepared to offer a friendly, listening ear, the occasional meal or perhaps transport for things like hospital appointments, trips to the doctor or Cathedral events such as CAMEO. If you know of someone who needs prayer, a visit, home Communion, or any other Cathedral family, please contact

Rev Nigel Whinney
021 118 9985

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN APRIL/MAY

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| Saturday 25 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Service ANZAC Park 6am • ANZAC Day Wreath Laying on Piki Mai 9am • ANZAC Day Civic Service at Nelson Cathedral 11am |
| Tuesday 28 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm |
| Wednesday 29 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am Holy Communion • 12pm Emmaus Bible Study |
| Sunday 3 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5pm (with Chroma Chamber Choir) |
| Tuesday 5 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Group 9am • Meditation Group 5-6pm |
| Wednesday 6 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am Holy Communion • 12pm Emmaus Bible Study |
| Sunday 10th May Mother's Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion 8am • Choral Communion 10am • Whakatū Anglican Māori Mission 12:30pm • Choral Evensong 5pm |

EVENTS

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| 25 April | ANZAC Day Civic Service at Nelson Cathedral 11am |
| 25 April | ANZAC Day concert with Nelson Male Voice Choir 2:30pm |
| 26 April | Nelson City Brass Band Concert 2pm |
| 2 May | 'Monumental' Chroma Chamber Choir concert at Nelson Cathedral 6:30pm |

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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

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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

April

29 9: 1-31 Saul's conversion

May

6 9:32 - 10:8 Peter's mission
13 10:9-48 At Cornelius' house
20 11:1-30 Peter explains
27 12: 1-25 Peter in prison and death of Herod

June

3 13: 1-52 Paul's first mission Part 1
10 14: 1-28 Part 2
17 15:1-35 Jerusalem Council

Banquet Invitation for ALL women

All women are invited to the AAW (Association of Anglican Women, Nelson) annual dinner. Thursday 14th May, 6.30pm at New Asia Restaurant, 279 Hardy Street, Nelson
Cost: \$35 per person
Please RSVP by Monday 11th May at the very latest - please let us know earlier if possible
Contacts to RSVP, and for transport:
Noeline: 027 547 6483
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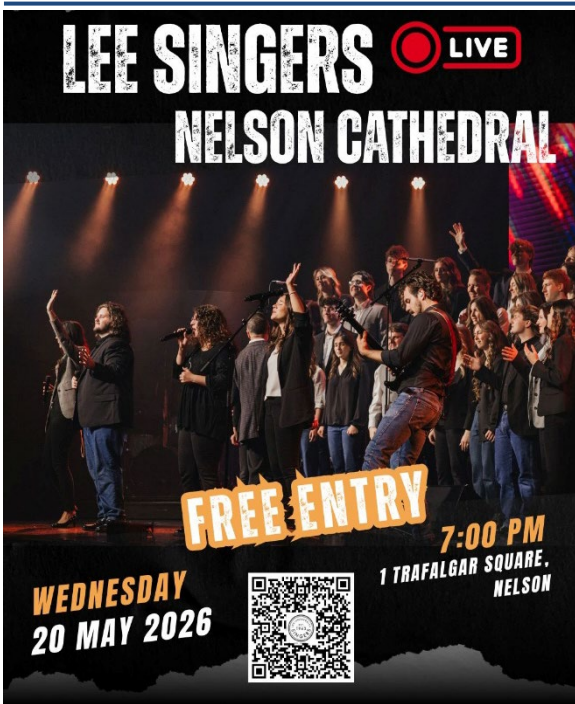
CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP


What are you doing on Tuesday morning?

- See your city from a new angle
- Find your wellbeing and new friends
- Enjoy yummy morning tea
- Meet here in car park

9am Tuesday | Judith 027 319 8511


NOTICES



LEE SINGERS  **LIVE**
NELSON CATHEDRAL

FREE ENTRY
7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
20 MAY 2026

1 TRAFALGAR SQUARE, NELSON



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.

An appeal for knitting wool for Craft group volunteers knitting beanies and fingerless gloves for the Nelson AAW Project for **Mission to Seafarers**.

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

On Saturday 2 May, Chroma Chamber Choir Presents: Monumental, 6:30pm Saturday 2 May at Nelson Cathedral, \$30 book at ncma.nz under 18s free

music for choir and organ

chroma chamber choir · conductor pete rainey · organ paul chan
works by bruckner, howells, vierne, bach, handel, parry & more

6:30pm saturday 2 may, nelson cathedral

tickets \$30 + booking fee · free for under-18s · book: ncma.nz

MONUMENTAL



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

WELCOME NEWCOMERS



We are delighted to have you join us for today's service. Please fill out the form, tear off, and place in the Newcomers Box at the main entrance. By filling out this form, you will go on our Parish Roll and emailing list.

I would like to know more about:

- Kids Church
- Choir
- KidSing
- AAW
- Prayer
- Outreach
- Meditation
- Events at the Cathedral
- I would like to have a visit from the clergy
- I would like to help with

Name

Contact Number

Address

Email

