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The Message of Easter

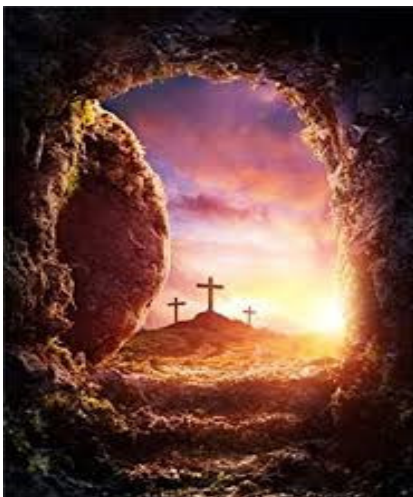


The Very Revd Dr Graham O'Brien
Dean of Nelson Cathedral

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,

In the difficult times we live in, the message of Easter is the good news that our community and world need to hear. We summarise that good news in the word HOPE, meaning the assurance that despite all that Jesus went through, the resurrection is proof of God's saving power and love which is at work in our world here and now.

Our hope is not in an idea or philosophy but in a person, and over the past few weeks we have been exploring the big story of the Bible which has at its centre, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



A summary of what God is doing through Jesus is:

God is redeeming and completing creation by the transformation of this world, the gathering of his people and establishing his kingdom reign, achieved only in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the empowering work of the Holy Spirit.

At the heart of the Easter message is God's love, shown through the willingness of Jesus to die for us, and the power of God by raising Jesus from the dead.

May we take the opportunity this Easter to look at Jesus afresh and see his power, authority and glory which is still present today for us individually and for the Church - He is Risen, is risen indeed – that is the foundation of our HOPE.

As we journey into Holy Week we have many opportunities to enter into the Easter story.

In particular, our Good Friday service will be a little different this year.

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The main part of the service is going to be the choral work "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, presented by the Cathedral choir and soloists. First performed in 1887 and modelled on the great passion settings of J.S. Bach,

Stainer's *Crucifixion* is amongst the most popular of all English choral works and vividly portrays the events of the Passion of Christ. Scored for tenor and bass soloists, organ and mixed choir, the piece combines recitatives, solos, and masterful choruses that range from the graphic mob shouts of *Crucify Him* to the ethereally beautiful meditation at the work's centrepiece *God so loved the world*.

The congregation is also involved with hymns as part of the setting. This will be a wonderful way to commemorate the most solemn of moments as we remember that Jesus died on the cross for each of us.

Can I encourage you to take this opportunity and invite a friend along – they may not feel "religious", but I am sure they would enjoy the wonderful music, and this may open the door for further spiritual conversations.

God Bless,

Graham

On 23 March two familiar Cathedral priests received new Ministry Licenses at the main service.

A canon of high calibre

Nigel Whinney has played an important role in Cathedral life over the last decade or so, having been Priest in Charge for a year, and now the *Pastoral Care and Discipleship* Coordinator.

He has been appointed as a *Clerical Canon* of the Cathedral for the ensuing two years.

Nigel is a highly respected and experienced priest, having been an area dean prior to moving to New Zealand, and will bring enormous common sense and competence to this governance role as a member of Vestry.

Our congratulations go to Canon Nigel at this recognition of his commitment and skills.



New job title: what's in a name?



Steve Jordan's licence was revised as *Precentor*.

A Precentor is a senior priest at a cathedral who, along with the Dean, organises liturgy and worship.

He's been carrying out that role for some eight years, but it is highly unusual in the worldwide Anglican Communion that an unpaid priest is licensed with that rank.

He quipped, "Be thankful, for in the Middle Ages, the precentor's role was to lead the singing."

The choirmaster, laughing, declined to comment!

EASTER 2025

EASTER SERVICES AT YOUR CATHEDRAL NELSON



PALM SUNDAY 13 April

8am Holy Communion

10am Choral Communion

5:30pm Evensong

THURSDAY 17 April

7pm Maundy Thursday Service
(including liturgy of foot washing)

GOOD FRIDAY 18 April

10am Service of the Cross featuring
The Crucifixion by John Stainer
with Choir and Soloists

Cathedral open all day for reflection

EASTER SUNDAY 20 April

8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Choral Communion
(please bring a flower for the Cross)

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Precentor's Page

Revd Steve Jordan



As we continue to journey through lent, we approach Passiontide and Holy Week. Lent somehow 'ramps up' and for a few of us, it's extraordinarily busy as we work on the various liturgies for that both late Lent and Easter itself.

The danger is that by keeping our eyes 'on the ball' of service planning, we are in danger of allowing those milestones to slip past us, almost unnoticed.

Yet the clergy and music departments also need to immerse themselves in the season, not just keep their noses to the grindstone in order to lead services authentically. There is a huge pressure simply to concentrate on the mechanics of service preparation, and ignore the story that should imprint on our hearts.

I'm lucky, because I can take the occasional Sunday off, sit in the congregation and worship. But let's spare a thought for those team members who aren't afforded that luxury.

It is a reminder to me, and possibly to some readers, too, to take some time out in the run up to Easter and to think of the impact of Holy Week and the Easter story, not only on our individual lives, but also for humankind in general.

Blessings,

Steve

Come & have fun!

CATHEDRAL kids

During 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

Age 5ish & up

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The Flower Guild would like to invite more people to join them. You do not need to be a florist, just to like flowers. If you are interested, please contact the Cathedral Office.

ANZAC Day

As per usual, clergy from Christ Church Cathedral will be playing a major role as the RSA and city commemorate ANZAC day.

We will be engaged at

- ◆ ANZAC Park at dawn,
- ◆ The war memorial at Piki Mai at 0900
- ◆ The city’s service at Nayland College at 1100, joined by both the Nelson Brass and Male Voice Choir, both of which have a core of cathedralites.

Canon Nigel and Rev Steve will also lead a private ceremony in the afternoon.

When ANZAC Day is proximate to Easter (as it is this year), it helps us to reflect on those who made the supreme sacrifice. The tragedy of war does not abate, and it continues to impact beyond war zones and combatants. But against that, Easter brings with it the promise that death is not the end. It isn’t even the beginning of the end: it’s the end of the beginning (misquoting selectively).

Blessings

Steve



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FRIDAY 25 APRIL, 2:30PM
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David Lucas

Warden's Wardrobe

Nave Heating



Jocelyn Smith

After six months of research, Vestry has approved the installation of under-pew heaters for the central Cathedral nave and they believe this heating will provide comfort during the cold winter months.

Church Growth 101 covers "can I get a car park?" and "will it be too cold for me?"

With pews in the church, heating options are very limited but do provide for tube heaters to be fitted under each pew and ours have existing under-seat boxing so that the heaters tuck tidily underneath.

Luckily, we are also able to use the existing cables from the now defunct floor pad heaters which makes the cost and installation practically and financially possible.

We have been trialing the heaters over the past six months and have received positive responses.

The maximum power required for the 68 pew heaters will be approx the same as two large heat pumps so they are not excessive power users and with our provider we do get one hour free electricity each day, which nicely covers most of our 10am Sunday Service.

Delivery of the heaters will take 8-12 weeks and so you may see Mark Nicholls preparing the pews for fitment in the meantime. While checking the cabling, Mark will also be removing the existing floor pads and repainting the nave floor in those areas. There should be limited disruption for Sunday services. GRE Electrical will provide approved electricity installation.

The central nave area will be split into four areas so that we can heat just the pews being used for our smaller services.

The side pews and seats will not have the under-pew heaters and will provide an alternative for people who prefer the side wall-mounted heaters.

The budgeted cost is \$30,000 installed and we will be trying to keep the total cost below that figure.

If you would like to donate to this one-off project, please mark your donations "Heaters". To guide your giving, the small pews cost \$500 and the large ones \$900, thank you.

David Lucas

Dean's Warden

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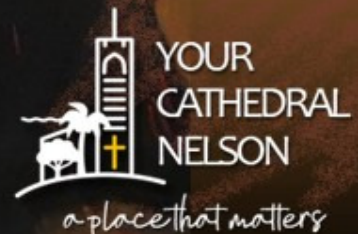
THE CRUCIFIXION

by John Stainer

SERVICE OF THE CROSS

Good
Friday

18 April
10am



NELSON CATHEDRAL CHOIR with
TENOR Ewen Griffiths | BASS Dean Graham O'Brien
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CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Wednesday • Holy Communion 11am

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 (Robed Choir and Livestreamed)
12.30 pm	Whakatu Māori Mission Service
5.30 pm	Evensong (Robed Choir and Livestreamed)



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