

Nelson Cathedral Sunday Bulletin



Sunday 11th December 2011
Advent 3

*Refreshing life, transforming faith,
at the heart of the community*



WELCOME to Nelson Cathedral. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to us. All Christians are welcome to receive the sacraments here.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



next Sunday
18th December
at 7pm



The Christmas Tree Festival
continues until the 21st December.
The opening night was very
successful with 200 attending.



*The Welcome tree
in the entrance to
the Cathedral.*

To help you

- *Those receiving Holy Communion are invited to do so EITHER by intinction, i.e. retaining the wafer when it is given to you and then dipping it in the cup of wine before consuming it OR by consuming the wafer when it is given to you and then drinking from the common cup when it is offered to you.
 - *Grape juice is available at communion for those who do not wish to receive communion wine.
 - *Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them.
 - *Hearing Aid Loop available - please turn to the T position on your hearing aid.
- ALSO**
- *Three individual speakers on the Pulpit side in rows 4 and 5.
 - *Ramps for access to the Sanctuary (on the Font side)
 - *Large print versions of all Services - please ask sidesperson
 - *Special chairs are available from the Pulpit side for those with disabilities or back problems. Note that the leg height can be adjusted to suit.

Sentence and Collect

Sentence: God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we may receive adoption as children. *Galatians 4: 4-5*

Collect: God our redeemer; who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that when he shall come again in his glorious majesty we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship over tea, coffee or juice after the 8am and 10am services

8.00am Holy Communion

Orange booklets

Celebrant & Preacher: **The Reverend Yvonne McLean**
OT Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Holy Gospel: St. John 1: 6-8, 19-28

10.00am Nativity Presentation

Join the spies as they discover "Who's the star of Christmas?"
Thank you to all who have helped with the Nativity Presentation



Organ Voluntary: Sortie in Bb – *Lefébure-Wély 1817-1869*

6.00pm Choral Eucharist & Baptism

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Celebrant: **The Reverend Jude Benton**
Organist and Minister of Music: **Alan K. Gray**
Organist: **Jane van Tilborg**
Minister of the Liturgy: **Ivy Price**

Processional hymn: **34** On Jordan's bank
Service Setting: *Missa Deus Genitor alme*
Reading: Acts 2: 36-47 *Reader:* **Jenny Dickie**
Gradual Psalm:(choir) **Benedictus** *Lemon*

Gospel: St. Matthew 28: 16-20
(please stand for the Gloria of the Psalm & turn to face the reader)
Reader: **The Reverend Barry Price**
Sermon: **Dean Nick Kirk**

The Holy Baptism of Maxine Leaning
(Orange sheet – please return to sidespeople with your books)

The Peace: NZPB page 419
Offertory Hymn: **28** Hark what a sound
Great Thanksgiving: NZPB page 420
Anthem: This is the record of John - *Gibbons*
Final Hymn: **27** Hark, the glad sound
Organ Voluntary: E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come – *Manz*

(text for readings on page 5& 6)

For your prayers

The Church

*The Rt. Revd Granville Porter Taylor,
Western North Carolina.

*Parish of Wakefield, the Revd Allan &
Joy Wasley & their people.

*Jane Wulff, Parish Nurse, and her
volunteers.

The World

* For those affected by the shooting on
the Virginia Tech campus in the USA.

The Community

* For the work of the Foodbank at this
time of year.

The Sick

*Kathy (USA), Mandy, Claudia, Jim
(Wales),Michelle (UK), Pam, Helen,
Carrie, Val, Genevieve, Anne-Marie,
Robert, Kathryn, Shelley, Malcolm,
Rebecca, Michael, Bishop Peter, Joyce,
Margaret, Kevin, Ivan, Ruben, JoAnn,
Keith, (Aust), Lyn, Moira & Penny
(UK),Paul, Jared, Nicky & family, &
others known to us.

Services for Sunday 18th December

8am Holy Communion

Choral Eucharist

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; St. Luke 1: 26-38

7pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Men's Group meeting, Wednesday 21st December, Marsden House, 6pm
Speaker Graham Allan, solicitor "Where there is a Will, there can be a War!" A talk
on wills, claims and related topics.

Bishopdale Theological College Graduation Service in the Cathedral on Friday
16th December at 7pm.

Wanted – is anyone willing to help sponsor an art display highlighting the atrocities
of war in Burma which will display in the cathedral in January. Please contact the
Office.

Notices

Monday OIKOS group meets on 12th December for lunch at Anchor Bar and Grill at 12.30pm, and Christmas Oikos meeting on Wednesday 14th December, **6:30 pm** at 32 Martin Street, Monaco. (Ph.970 0132). Please bring a dish for pot luck and note earlier time.

Monday 12th December 7-9pm at 15 Mill Street, a 6 week Bible Study digging into the Lord's prayer. For more details contact Murray Campbell 5481170.

Walks for health Tuesday at 9am. Meet at the cathedral for a 1 hour walk.

Flax craft on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Wool : Thanks for those who responded to my plea for craft supplies... I was inundated with an excess of wool, if you would like some back please let me know. Jude.

Exercises on Wednesday at 11.00am.

Cathedral Choir rehearsal Thursdays 4.30 – 7pm.

The AAW is selling its 2 publications at the jaw-dropping price of \$10.00 for 2. We have the delightful anthology, **Baubles, Bangles and Beads**, and its companion volume, our recipe book (revamped and updated) **Something Familiar, Something Different**. They slot easily into an A5 envelope.

Carols on the Cathedral steps
Four people are needed to sell candles at 8.30pm on 24th December. Can you help? Please contact the Office.

Christmas Tree Gifts – gifts may be left under the Christmas tree. Gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge.

Flowers for Christmas – if you would like to make a donation towards the flowers please place in a marked envelope in the offertory or leave at the office.

Children, youth & family corner...

Today we finish our star theme, finding out who is the star of Christmas. Afterwards there is a Picnic lunch for all families and those who've helped with the children and youth work. Please do stay if you can.

This concludes "The Disciples" and youth group for this year. A huge thank you to all of the wonderful leaders, helpers, parents and grandparents who've helped make it possible.

During the holidays worksheets and books are available to do during the service – stay with your parents.

Don't forget to come along with your family and friends 5pm Christmas Eve for Christingle, a family Christmas celebration with a special message.

Emergency food – we are low on our emergency food supplies. If you are able to provide a meal for an individual or a family that would be appreciated. Food needs to be dated and marked what it is.

Farewell Gift for Jude

The Revd Jude Benton will finish as Priest Assistant at the Cathedral on 30th December. If you would like to make a contribution towards a farewell gift please place in a marked envelope in the offertory, in the 'Office' box in the quiet room, or bring to the office.

Home Communion

If you know anyone who would like Home communion during December or Christmas please contact the Office

Today's readings at 8am

Isaiah 61:1 – 4,8 – 11

The Good News of Deliverance. The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

St. John 1:6 – 8, 19 – 28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, 27 the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Acts 2: 36-47

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 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, 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.

St. Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Mary and Joseph's Journey



Mary & Joseph about to leave Dodson's Valley after breakfast



Being welcomed at Seaton Street by Michaela and James



Resting at Collingwood Street with Oscar



Services in the Cathedral for December and Christmas

Sunday 18 December

8am Holy Communion

10am Choral Eucharist

7pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24 December

5pm Christingle Service

8.45pm Carols on the Cathedral Steps

10.45pm Choir will sing carols from the gallery

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday 25 December

8am Holy Communion

10am Choral Eucharist



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