

Nelson Cathedral Sunday Bulletin



Sunday 4th December 2011

Advent 2

*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.

Next Sunday 10am
Nativity Play “Who’s the star of Christmas?”
followed by picnic lunch for families
and those who’ve helped this year.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

December 6th – 21st

Refreshments available.

Opening ceremony

Tuesday 6th Dec at 7pm



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: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a Highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who prepare your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. 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 booklet

Celebrant : The Reverend Yvonne McLean
Preacher: Dean Nick Kirk

10.00am Choral Eucharist

NZPB page 404

Celebrant: The Reverend Yvonne McLean
Organist and Minister of Music: Alan K. Gray
Organist: Mark Patterson
Minister of the Liturgy: Russell Smith
Processional hymn: 24 Come, thou long expected Jesus
Service Setting: Batten – Short Communion Service
Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11 *Reader:* Glen Rowling
Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a *Reader:* Ian McLean
Gradual Psalm:(choir) 85 vv 1-2, 8-13 Chant: Hanforth
Gospel: St. Mark 1: 1-8
(please stand for the Gloria of the Psalm & turn to face the reader)
Reader: The Reverend Murray Campbell
Sermon: Dean Nick Kirk
Creed: NZPB page 410
Intercessions: Jane Wulff
The Peace: NZPB page 419
Offertory Hymn: 26 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
Great Thanksgiving: NZPB page 420

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains
Stainer 1840-1901

Final Hymn: **29** Hills of the North, rejoice

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn
J.S. Bach 1685-1750

(text for readings and psalms on page 6 & 7)

6.00pm Choral Compline

Officiant: **Dean Nick Kirk**

Hymn: **25** Creator of the starry height

Responses: Plainsong

Evening Hymn: **13** Before the ending of the day

Psalms: **91** *c. VIII. 1*

Nunc Dimittis: Tone VIII.i

Prayers:

Offertory hymn: **22** The day thou gavest, Lord is ended

Anthem: Alma Redemptoris mater
Giovanni PierLuigi da Palestrina 1525-1594

Organ Voluntary: Mit Ernst, o Menschenkinder
Karg Elert 1877-1933 Op65

7.00pm Sunday @ Seven – Christmas Party, All Welcome

For your prayers

The Church

*Parish of Victory Community Anglican Church, the Revds Felicity & Aubrey Whitcombe & their people.

*The Cathedral AAW.

The World

* For all who have suffered from floods, famine, earthquakes and other natural disasters as we approach Christmas.

The Community

* For the work of the Women's Refuge.

The Sick

*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.

Thanksgiving

*Shelley Vercoe would like to thank everyone for their prayers, meals and baking over the last few weeks.

Services for Sunday 11th December

8am Holy Communion - *Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; St. John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

10am Nativity Play "Who's the star of Christmas?" followed by picnic lunch

6pm Choral Eucharist & Holy Baptism

Malachi 3: 1-4, 4; Philippians 4: 4-7

Notices

The Cathedral News and Witness are available today. Distributors please collect promptly. We need to get them delivered asap. Spare copies available.

Monday 5th 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.

The Cathedral Office will be closed on Tuesday 6th December.

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

Flax craft on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Home Group Tuesday 1-2:30pm at 9 South Street. Studying 40 days of purpose. All welcome. Contact Jude 5481008 for more information.

There will be no Meditation group on Tuesday 6th December

Exercises on Wednesday at 11.00am.

OIKOS meeting on Thursday 8th December, 6pm at 55 Neale Avenue, Stoke. Pot Luck Tea.

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.

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.

Children, youth & family corner...

Next Sunday – the Nativity Play followed by picnic lunch for families and those who've helped this year.

Rehearsals

Wed 7th 6:30-8pm. Main parts only.
Sat 10th 11am-12:30 EVERYONE!
Any adults able to assist - either on the 11th or during practices please let Jude know.

Pasada –During advent Mary and Joseph will be making their way around the parish, staying with different people before arriving at the Cathedral for Christmas Eve. Please let Jude know if they can visit you.

Check out their journey on facebook "Nelson Cathedral Mary and Joseph on their journey."

Diocesan Farewell

for the Revd Tim & Fiona Harris

Saturday 17th December starting at midday at All Saints, Nelson. BBQ lunch – meat and fruit juice provided. Please bring a salad to share. Please RSVP to Anita at the Anglican Centre 54 83124.

Christmas Tree Gifts – gifts may be left under the Christmas tree. Charity yet to be decided.

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.

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

Cathedral Welcomers - As there was a nil response to last Sunday's request for people to volunteer to fill gaps in our Welcomer's Roster there will be a limited service available to our many national and international visitors in December. Also in January there will be a further diminution of attendance in our building by volunteers. Apart from that meaning no welcoming presence there is of course a security risk if there's no-one at all present in the building for considerable periods.

Again, if you feel you can help, talk to Elizabeth McKee-Benbow (547 2211) or Roger Chapple (546 7531).

House 44 is a community centre serving Stoke area – in particular the many families living in less than ideal financial circumstances. Jane is the co-ordinator works with the Salvation Army in the annual food and toy appeal, however gifts are given up to age 12 only and there are many families for whom it would be a real treat for older teens to receive an inexpensive gift also. Suggested items are large T-shirts or 'brand' toiletries eg Lynx deodorant. These should be unwrapped please. If you would like to contribute please give me a call to collect or drop in to the Anglican Centre by Monday Dec13th. Your generosity is appreciated, thank you. Gerrie Mead, Social Services Enabler. Ph 5483124 or 021 2771504

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.

Christian Giving through Direct Debit

If you wish to give through the banking system please collect a form from the sidespeople.

Home Communion

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

Dean's Open Home on Friday mornings

Due to the busyness of the Advent and Christmas season there will be no more Open Homes on Friday mornings at the Deanery this year.

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.

Psalm 85 vv 1-2, 8-13

1. O Lord you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2. You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
8. I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people
to his faithful ones whose hearts are turned to him.
9. Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12. The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
13. For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

Today's readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out! And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

St. Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'



Sunday 18th December

7pm

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



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