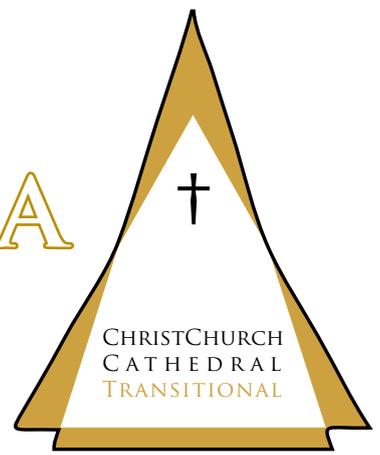


# CATHEDRAL EXTRA



THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

## CHRISTMAS FROM THE DEAN ...

### 2016

*The Bishop, Dean, Chapter and Staff of the Cathedral wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a time of refreshment over the summer so that together we can continue to proclaim and seek to live out in 2017 the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.*

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The Christmas story contains lots of detail that is easily overlooked, but it all matters. Mary and Joseph put up with the inconvenience of travel to Bethlehem because the imperial powers have called for a census. When they reach Bethlehem, they end up living in a stable because there is no room in the inn. It is easy to imagine a town with snarled up traffic and tired and grumpy people in queues, battling bureaucracy to get their business matters sorted

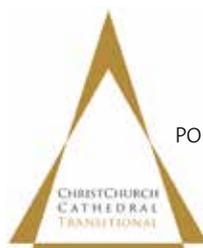


and queuing at the markets for food and water. The point is that God is born into the messiness of human existence, into a world where people have been left to fend for themselves. God in Christ comes to experience everything we experience. He is light in the midst of a darkened world; the fullness of God's grace and love in the midst of the harshness of life. He is the presence of

Love that builds community and says that from God's point of view, not only does every single person matter, but God desires to forge a connection with all of us. God becomes human like us to bring us back to God.

This year we celebrate Christmas once again in the aftermath of a major earthquake. The power of nature was unleashed once again, and there are communities facing the long journey of recovery. And yet Christ is born even into that situation where

a new future has to be forged to replace the hopes and expectations of the pre-quake existence. He is present in the hearts of those who grieve, and in those who find their future is uncertain. Christ is present also in those moments when people reach out to assist one another, when the community comes together to share food and essential supplies and to help put back together broken



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homes and shattered infrastructure, and to talk with one another about all that has taken place.

In my own experience, a natural disaster can bring people together powerfully for mutual support leading to a strong sense of community building. By contrast, when it comes to the world economic system we live within, the notion of individual responsibility means each person has to fend for themselves, but this is surely contrary to the way of the

Gospel when there is a large gap in equality of income and wealth leading to a deeply polarised world community. That circumstance can only lead to a fractured society, deepened poverty, and social vulnerability. This Christmas, give generously to those projects that seek to empower the poorest of the poor to feed and clothe themselves now and in the future, and to participate fully in the world community. Christ put aside all privilege and power to enter the world as a vulnerable child.

He is God's gift to the world, and it is because God has been generous to us that we are called to be generous to others, because in each gesture of generosity Christ is made welcome and is born in our world again.

As we prepare to make the journey again this Christmas to welcome the Christ-child, the cathedral clergy, Chapter, staff, and Elizabeth and myself, wish you a Christmas filled with blessings and light.

*Dean Lawrence*



## **Sunday 27 November ~ Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

10:00am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

7:30pm The Advent Carol Service

*The Cathedral Choir sings the music of Advent with readings.*

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## **Sunday 4 December ~ Advent II**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

5:00pm Choral Evensong

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

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## **Tuesday 6 December**

7:00pm Selwyn House Carol Service

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## **Wednesday 7 December**

7:30pm Medbury School Carol Service

## **Sunday 11 December ~ Advent III**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist with the Cathedral Grammar Junior School Nativity

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

5:00pm Choral Evensong

*Reflection: Archdeacon Lynnette Lightfoot*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

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## **Monday 12 December**

7:15pm Cathedral Grammar School Carol Service

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## **Sunday 18 December ~ Advent IV**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: Revd Ben Randall*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

7.30pm The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

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## **Thursday 22 December**

3:00pm The Children's Christmas Service with Animals

## **Saturday 24 December ~ Christmas Eve**

11:15pm Carol Singing

11.45pm The First Eucharist of Christmas

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

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## **Sunday 25 December ~ Christmas**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Festival Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

5:00pm Festal Evensong

*Reflection: Ben Randall*

*Music: The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir*

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## **Weekday Services of Choral Evensong**

conclude on Friday 16 December for the year. Services resume on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 5.30pm

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## **Weekday Services of Holy Eucharist**

or Midday Prayer at noon each day continue throughout January

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## **Sunday Services in January**

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Choral Eucharist

5.00pm Sung Evensong

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THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS &  
CATHEDRAL BRASS PRESENT ...



**MUSIC FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**  
THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL  
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

MUSICAL DIRECTORS  
LENNOX WILLETT & DAVE FIU

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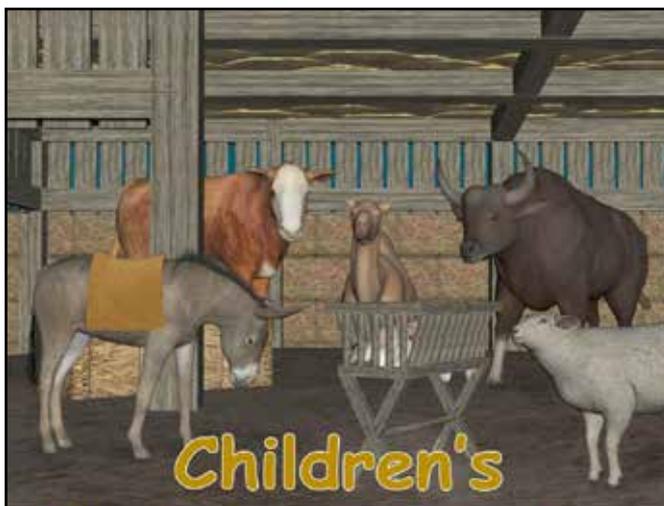
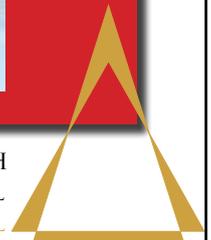
## *The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols*



Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm



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## **Children's Christmas Service with animals**

**The Christmas story for children  
told with drama and live animals!  
All welcome**

**Thursday 22 December  
at 3.00pm**



## INTRODUCING BEN RANDALL

**I**t was with great excitement that I was welcomed into the Cathedral this week and began my role as your new Assistant Curate. I was here only six months ago being ordained and there was such energy and life at that time – it really is a privilege to be able to come here, among you all.

For the last two years I have been in Auckland, studying at St John's College. This has been a fantastic time of preparation for ministry. My roots however are most definitely in Christchurch; and it was wonderful to be able to come home to my family and friends.

I look forward to us getting to know each other over the coming months, as together we do what Christian communities do best; to break bread with one another, to support each other, and to worship the God who created and loves us all.

*Your servant in Christ, Ben.*

# *Cathedral Choristers' Carol Recitals*

**Tuesday 20 December  
at 12.30 in the  
Transitional Cathedral  
Wednesday 21 December  
at noon in Ballantynes  
Christmas Eve at 6.00pm  
in the Cathedral  
(with the full Choir)**

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# Christmas Carol Recital by the Cathedral Choir

**Christmas Eve  
6.00pm**

**Free entry**

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## DO YOU KNOW A BOY WHO LOVES TO SING?

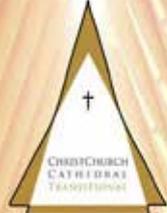
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- Rehearse and perform a wide range of choral music executed at the highest calibre
- Learn to sing in foreign languages
- Learn how to organise time and develop essential life skills

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The Director of Music, John Linker, is always happy to answer any questions prospective boys and their parents may have or to arrange an audition.  
Feel free to ring him on 021 105 0961 or e-mail [john@johnlinker.com](mailto:john@johnlinker.com)



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