



1 JANUARY 2017

NAMING OF JESUS



8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Deacon: Rev'd Alastair Buick

10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Deacon: Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Alastair Buick
Vergers: Julie Andrews
Music: The Cathedral Chorale
Organist: Paul Brown

5.00PM SUNG EVENSONG

Officiant: Jill Kerr, Precentrix
Meditation: Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Vergers: Peter Dawe
Music: Courtney Hickmott
Organist: Paul Brown

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cameras please



WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Welcome to all on this Sunday after Christmas. We are glad you have chosen to come to the Transitional Cathedral. If you're a long way from home, we hope you are enjoying your time in Canterbury this Spring. God bless you and your family and friends.

Prayer for the Diocese: Each week the Cathedral prays for the wider Church including parishes in the Diocese. This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the MINISTRY UNIT OF SYDENHAM-BECKENHAM AND SOUTH-WEST CHRISTCHURCH (Transitional Priest-in-Charge, Dave Clancey); the Parish of TEMUKA (Vicar, Michelle Cockell) and; The Cathedral Grammar School

Will Martin (with **St Margaret's College** and **Anna Hawkins**) will be giving a concert in the Cathedral on 31 March. Tickets on sale now! This is a **fundraiser for Cathedral music**.

On Monday 9 January we are celebrating the **Baptism of Jesus** at the 12.05pm service of Holy Eucharist. Assistant Curate Ben Randall will preach.

Weekday services of Choral Evensong have concluded for the year. They will resume at 5.30pm on Tuesday 31 January 2017. Daily services of Holy Eucharist or Midday Prayer will continue throughout January at 12.05pm.

The **Vege Co-op** restarts for 2017 on 1 February.

People have asked if they can give **offertory donations** by eftpos or credit card. Yes, that is possible to do through the shop counter. Just see one of the staff after the service.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of the **Christchurch City Mission** by do-

minating groceries for their foodbank. As we get closer to Christmas the demand on the food bank increases and all donations are gratefully received.

The Cathedral supports the **community lunches** that take place every Sunday in Latimer Square. If the weather is wet, the lunch is served in the Cathedral foyer from about noon.

WILL MARTIN
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7.30pm FRIDAY 31 MARCH
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THIS WEEK: 2 ~ 8 JANUARY

Morning Prayer is said Mon - Fri at 8.30am

Monday 2 January
12.05pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 3 January
12.05pm Holy Eucharist
with prayers for healing

Wednesday 4 January
12.05pm Holy Eucharist
in the Celtic tradition

Thursday 5 January
12.05pm Holy Eucharist *in Te Reo Maori*

Friday 6 January
12.05pm Holy Eucharist
12.30pm Wedding

Saturday 7 January
12.05pm Midday Prayer

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY ~ EPIPHANY

8.00am Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

10.00am Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Music: The Cathedral Chorale

5.00pm Sung Evensong

CAROL SERVICES

IT IS TRADITIONAL FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND CLERGY GATHERINGS TO DISPLAY THE NUMBER OF CAROL SERVICES THEY EXPECT TO TAKE THIS YEAR



THOSE WITH SINGLE DIGIT FIGURES ARE FROWNED-UPON MERCILESSLY

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER: If you have prayer requests for people or situations known to you, please contact Rev Rosalie Hoddinott ph. 3322516 or rg.hoddy@xtra.co.nz Prayer requests are written down and placed on the altar during the Tuesday midday Healing Service and included in the prayer time. Names and situations are not spoken aloud.

REFLECTION

Welcome to the Transitional Cathedral, the broad tent with a wide open door! Welcome to those visiting us from near and far, to all who gather from around the Diocese and to those who worship here Sunday by Sunday.

Today the Cathedral is continuing to celebrate the season of Christmas. From the point of view of the Church, Christmas is a season lasting twelve days from 25 December until 6 January. There is a complex history of the tradition that gave rise to the twelve day season, which if I tried to explain would bore everyone to tears. The summary version is that when the date of Christmas was set as 25 December (in the early years of the fourth century AD), the western part of the Roman Empire was using the calendar we are familiar with, whereas the Eastern part of the Empire was using another calendar called the Julian Calendar. In the Julian calendar, 25 December corresponds with 6 January in our calendar. That meant Christians in the east celebrated Christmas on 6 January, (and still do to this day). In order to keep the church together, the western Church decided the best thing to do was to create a twelve day season, so that they could keep the feasting going for several days, rather than just one; a perfectly good plan!

Today, as part of the celebration of Christmas, the Cathedral is celebrating the Naming of Jesus. According to Jewish custom, a newborn boy was circumcised on the eighth day after birth. In Judaism, this is understood as a sign of the everlasting covenant established between God and Abraham ages earlier (Genesis 17:1-14). In the Anglican tradition, the weight of the celebration today falls on the naming of Jesus (Luke 2:21). The name "Jesus" represents the Greek and Latin form of the name "Joshua" which means "The Lord saves", indicating that Jesus has come to save his people from their sins.

Today, we are reminded yet again, that the Christmas season revolves around God taking our human flesh and dwelling in our midst so that we might become one with him. This day is also New Year's Day, and the Cathedral will bless chalk that can be taken away by every householder present. The chalk is blessed so that it can be used to bless your homes as a way of marking the beginning of a New Year. Suggested prayers are enclosed in the envelope with the chalk. May God bless you and yours this Christmas Season and in the year that lies ahead.

Dean Lawrence.



I would like to know more about the Cathedral's worshipping community.

I would like to receive the monthly Cathedral newsletter, "Extra" by post
(if you would like to receive it by email please go to www.christchurchcathedral.co.nz)

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DATE _____

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