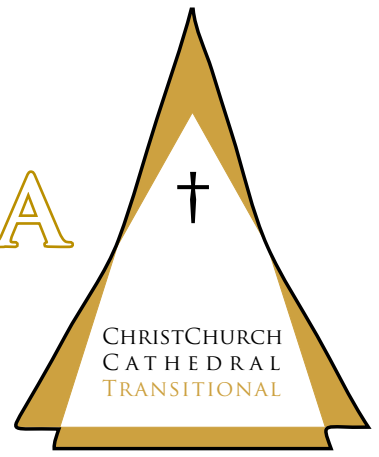


CATHEDRAL EXTRA



THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

THE JOURNEY TO EASTER AT THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL 2017

FROM THE DEAN ...

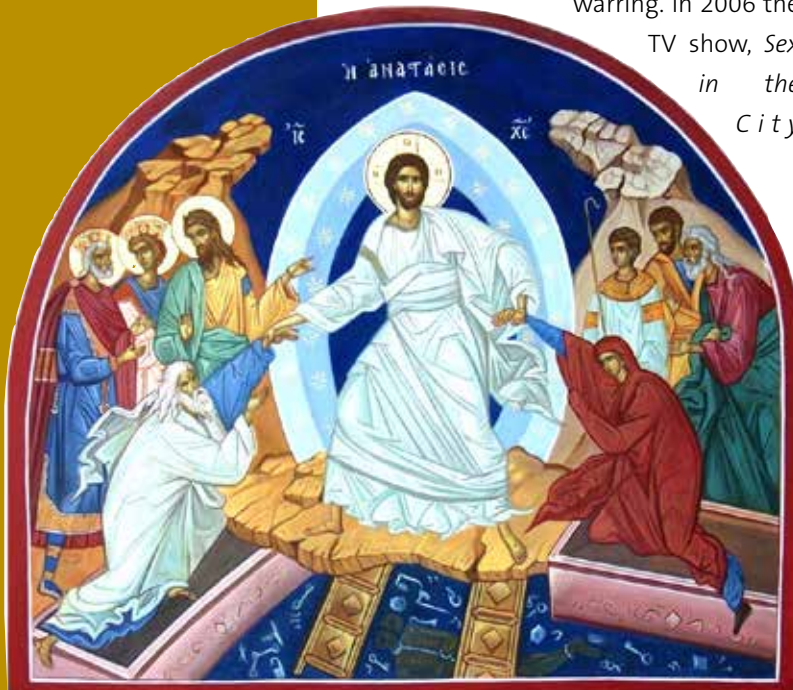
In 2006 an Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book came out called *Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace*. In the forward of the book, the author, Miroslav Volf, draws a picture in words showing that more and more we are living in a culture that is largely stripped of grace. He argues that we are witnessing in western society a slide away from generosity and forgiveness to self-gratification, profit maximising, selling and bartering and even to nasty warring. In 2006 the

was a top-rating programme and Volf used this show to illustrate his point. Watch this show and it would never occur to a viewer that sex might be a gift that two people in a life-long covenant might give to each other. Instead, partners randomly 'hook up' with each other to satisfy their own need for gratification. Sex is used to determine who is in and out, or to establish status, as a weapon in some relationships, and as a system of rewards and punishments. It is sometimes used to manipulate and control another.

TV show, *Sex in the City*

At this time of the year as we prepare to commemorate the death of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection, we are taken back to our beginnings in Christ and reminded that Christ offers us another way. At the centre of our faith is a God who is abundantly generous, and has showered our world with gifts aplenty. God sent Jesus into the world to demonstrate generous love, and he calls us to be generous people: generous in sharing, generous in giving to others.

Jesus calls us to share what we have with others and to give generously, thus avoiding a slide into the unsustainable exploitation of the poor by the rich. He taught his followers to go the extra mile



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for children and vulnerable adults, and so strengthen communities. He had stern words for those in leadership, calling them to put the common good first and avoid the temptation to put their own interests first. As we walk with Jesus to the cross on Good Friday, we will see the extent of God's generosity being lived out in human life, and we will hear God's call to be generous ourselves. Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than receive, and part of our learning to live the Christian life is to learn the art of giving. "Give to anyone who asks and do not turn your back on anyone who wants to borrow." (Matt 5:42) If we fail to learn this art, we will live unfulfilled lives, and

our communities will gradually loose the bonds of affection that hold us together.

Equally, we also need to learn the art of forgiveness, because God is also the presence of forgiveness, even when Jesus is dying on a cross. In the Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation in the New Zealand Prayer Book, we commit ourselves to forgiving others as we have been forgiven by God. If giving generously to others, forgiving others is harder in my experience. It is easy to carry resentments, harbour grudges, and look for ways of getting other people back when they hurt us. Yet, Jesus came to show us another way of being human, that removed the sense of 'them and

us'. Jesus said, "Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you." (Matt 5:44) Jesus was the presence of God's forgiveness. He shows us that when we are able to receive forgiveness from God, we are given the ability to forgive others, in other words to pass that gift on. All of us need to seek the forgiveness of God. If you would like to explore that more, you may like to speak with a priest about the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent in a New Zealand Prayer Book (see page 750).

Two gifts: generosity and forgiveness. In your prayer, ask God to show the way of giving and forgiving, that together we may be light and salt for the world.

Dean Lawrence.

FROM THE MUSIC DEP'T.

The Cathedral Choir is back in full swing of services for the 2017 academic year, and as I write this we're already in Week 6 of Term 1. At the end of 2016 we bid farewell to our Year 8 leavers, and since that time the younger generation is stepping up to take the lead. The daily rhythm of worship and education surrounding the Cathedral is most invigorating and a constant source of refreshment.

The choristers had a most productive and enjoyable time at choir camp the last week of January. With excellent weather, much of the music for Term 1 was rehearsed and the boys enjoyed

all sorts of recreational activities. The Director of Music particularly enjoyed the swimming hole and the flying fox!

The season of Lent includes some of the richest repertoire ever composed for choirs. On Ash Wednesday we kept the annual tradition of teaming up with our neighbouring Roman Catholic Cathedral Choir, and the many in attendance on that night were enriched by the sound of these combined voices. On Palm Sunday 9 April at 5pm (in place of our usual Evensong) we will celebrate this music and further observe the season with a "Service of Readings and Music

for Passiontide." The Cathedral Choir will sing music by Byrd, Lassus, Leighton, and more.

I want also to take this opportunity to let you know that Christchurch City Choir will be singing a concert in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 April at 5.30pm. The sole work on this programme is Sir John Stainer's The Crucifixion. Organist Harry Meehan along with soloists Christopher Bowen, tenor and Jared Holt, baritone join the City Choir for their first ever performance of this well-known oratorio telling the Passion story.

John Linker, Director of Music



LENTEN APPEAL 2017

Donate for the Vulnerable, the Disabled, and Malnourished Children.

As Dean, I am urging the Cathedral to support the Anglican Missions Board (AMB) 2017 Lenten Appeal. The AMB is very excited to partner with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Anglican Church of Melanesia. This appeal has a major focus on children and will support:

- The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for children with disabilities: This Centre was established in 1965 as a home for children with physical disabilities especially those suffering from polio paralysis. The Princess Basma Centre for children has an overall vision to see that all children with disabilities have access to quality health services, hope and opportunities. Funds received for this project will be used as to provide advanced equipment and tools in order to ensure high quality, effective, comprehensive rehabilitation services to people with disabilities into the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem.
- Comprehensive Services for underweight poor children with disabilities, Gaza Strip, Palestine: This project will support the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in the provision of comprehensive services for underweight children in the Gaza Strip, Palestine. The treatment follows a comprehensive medical approach and includes measurements, completion of medical history and registration, physical examination, evaluation of nutritional status and other important tests, prescription of medication where needed, and the provision of fortified nutritional biscuits for nourishment and weight gain. The majority of treated children are discharged in better weight and in good health.
- Rainbow Wing Safe House, Solomon Islands: This project will support the continued development of the

Rainbow Wing Safe House at the Christian Care Centre in the Solomon Islands. The aim of the Rainbow Wing is to provide a safe and supportive caring environment that is free from all forms of sexual harassment, violence and abuse for the most vulnerable groups – women, youth and children. The Rainbow Wing will provide access to care, counselling services, positive parenting programmes, rehabilitation and education.

The Lenten Appeal projects for 2017 are very special and will make a huge difference in the lives of many people who are in need of support.

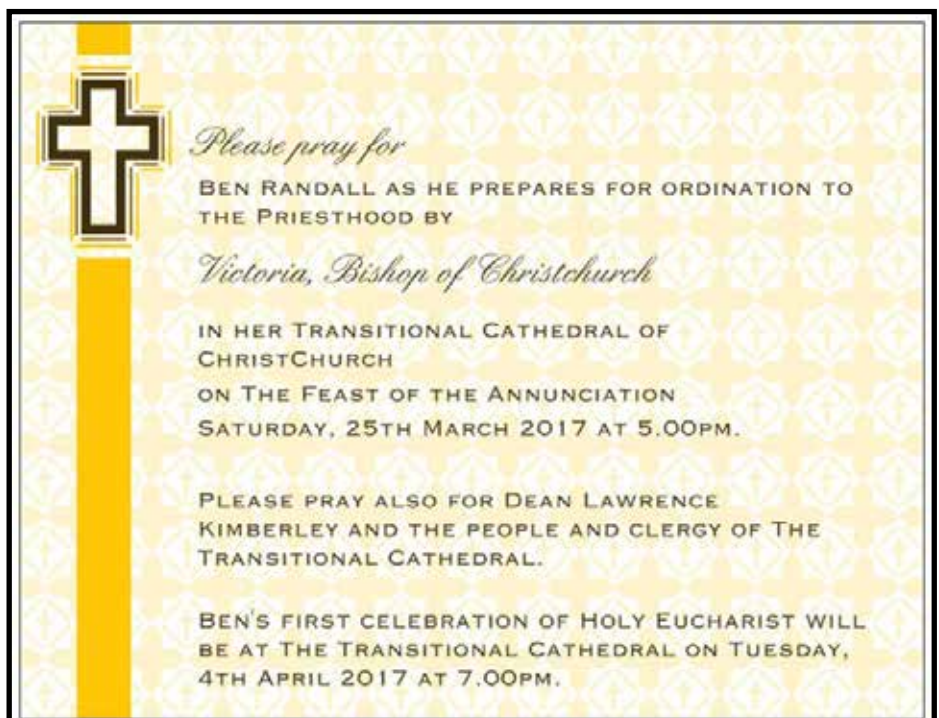
Appeal envelopes are available in the Transitional Cathedral foyer.

Please keep these projects in your prayers, especially throughout the Lenten season.

Dean Lawrence



The poster features the text "2017 lenten appeal" in a stylized font, with "anglican missions" in smaller text below. A white dove is depicted to the right of the word "lenten". Below the text is a photograph of two hands clasped together, one wearing a ring. To the right of the hands is a teal box with the word "DONATE" in large white letters, followed by the text "FOR THE VULNERABLE, THE DISABLED, AND MALNOURISHED CHILDREN." and the website "WWW.ANGMISSIONS.ORG.NZ". At the bottom right is a photograph of a modern, two-story white house with green window frames.



The announcement features a large gold cross on the left side. The text is as follows:

Please pray for
BEN RANDALL AS HE PREPARES FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD BY
Victoria, Bishop of Christchurch
IN HER TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL OF CHRISTCHURCH
ON THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH 2017 AT 5.00PM.

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR DEAN LAWRENCE KIMBERLEY AND THE PEOPLE AND CLERGY OF THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL.

BEN'S FIRST CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST WILL BE AT THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM.

LENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

The world we live in can be a difficult place. We see human need on a scale that is beyond our resources to help every day on our TV screens and in our daily encounters with people. It is easy to fall into the temptation to think we are powerless to do nothing. In fact, we are not. If we are prepared to take even the smallest risk and decide to do something every day for good, each of us can be part of making the world a living part of God's Kingdom. How? By the choices we make to be kind to others, making time for quiet and for fun especially for those with heavy workloads, and by sharing what we have. Together we can show God's love and build generous communities. Here are some ideas of how:

- Attend church on Sunday, of course, but why not a weekday service as well?
- Say something nice about someone behind their back;
- Eat simply and give away the money you have saved to those in need;
- Buy a coffee and give it to someone else on the way to work;
- At the end of each day, think of 2 things for which you can give thanks to God;
- Have a "device free" time each day

without an electronic game, emails, or texts;

- Walk or cycle a route you would normally drive to reduce your carbon footprint;
- Walk or drive around your neighbourhood and pray about what you see;
- On Mothering Sunday visit a relative you haven't seen for a while, or ring them up, or send them a gift.
- Join a Lent study group;
- Set aside time each day for prayer and for reading the bible;
- Give blood;
- Pray for someone who is in need;
- Email or write to your MP about an issue that matters, such as global poverty or climate change.
- Build an Easter garden that will be seen by people who pass by.

Doing small things can have a major impact which make our Lenten discipline into something life-giving, and together we can change the world.

Dean Lawrence



STUDY GROUP

We are running a Study Group throughout Lent. Meeting for six weekly sessions, the group meets at The Deanery. We begin at 10:15am. The study is based on *Risk: Through Lent with Acts*, a study guide which has been published by the Diocese. To join and/or obtain copies of the study book (a discount is available) please contact Ben Randall, assistantcurate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz



SUNDAY EVENSONG PREACHING SERIES

SUNDAYS AT 5.00PM

Theme: *Taking Risks for God: Stories of courage, faith & hope*

Sunday 5 March:

Dr Averil Worner,
Principal of St Mark's School

Sunday 12 March:

Steve Maina, National Director,
NZ Church Missionary Society

Sunday 19 March:

Carey Ewing, Pathway Trust

Sunday 26 March:

Steve Patterson, Entrepreneur and
Human Rights defender



WEDNESDAYS

- 7.30am Morning Eucharist
Theme: The Compassion of God
- 10:15am Lenten Study Group at The Deanery [see above]
Risk: Through Lent with Acts

THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

... CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

Sunday 5 March ~ Lent I

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Reflection: Dr Averil Worner

Sunday 12 March ~ Lent II

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Revd Ben Randall,

Assistant Curate

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Sunday 19 March ~ Lent III

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Reflection: Carey Ewing

Sunday 26 March ~ Lent IV

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Revd Ben Randall,

Assistant Curate

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Reflection: Steve Patterson

Sunday 2 April ~ Passion Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Reflection: The final in the 'Taking

Risks for God' series

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 9 April ~ Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist with the

Blessing of Palms

10:00am Choral Eucharist with

Procession of Palms and the

reading of St Matthew's Passion

Narrative.

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm A service of hymns and

readings with the Cathedral Choir

singing the music of Passiontide

Monday 10 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 11 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12 April

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday 13 April ~ Maundy Thursday

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper,

Footwashing and the stripping of

the altar

Friday 14 April ~ Good Friday

10.00am Children's Service of Stations

of the Cross

12noon The Celebration of the Lord's

Passion

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Saturday 15 April

12.05pm Midday Prayer

9.00pm The Great Vigil of Easter with

Holy Baptism

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

SUNDAY 16 APRIL ~ EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Eucharist

10.00am Festival Eucharist

Preacher: Bishop Victoria Matthews

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5.00pm Festival Evensong

Preacher: Revd Ben Randall,

Assistant Curate

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Sunday 23 April ~ Low Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Rt Revd Richard Wallace,

Bishop of Te Waipounamu

Music: The Cathedral Singers

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Singers

Reflection: Revd Ben Randall,

Assistant Curate

Sunday 30 April ~ Easter III

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Music: The Cathedral Singers

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Singers

Reflection: Ven Lynnette Lightfoot

Sunday 7 May ~ Easter IV

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Ven Lynnette Lightfoot

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

Reflection: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

Sunday 14 May ~ Easter V

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Revd Ben Randall

Music: The Cathedral Choir

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Music: The Cathedral Choir

NEW MISSION PARTNER FOR THE CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 5 March the community of Cathedral regulars decided to support Miriam Tillman in her work as a Pharmacist in Togo, West Africa. Miriam has been sent to Togo by the New Zealand Church Missionary Society (NZCMS). In her 30 some years, Miriam has visited over 30 countries, many with her family while she was still a child. At 21 she spent three months in a small rural Tanzanian village serving at the local dispensary. Then from 2011-15 Miriam worked as a Pharmacist with Mercy Ships on board the Afric Marcy, visiting various countries, including Togo.

Miriam returned to Togo in 2015 to join a team opening the Hospital of Hope in the town of Mango, about 10 hours north of Togo's capital Lome. The hospital is run by the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, an organisation that has served in Togo since 1974. Since opening in March 2015, the hospital has served over 21,000 patients. Its services include maternity, surgery, radiology, laboratory and a clinic that sees over 100 patients each day. Miriam is leading the Pharmacy department, overseeing its day to day operation, ordering from

international and local sources, and training the Togolese technicians.

Christians are a minority in Mango which means Miriam not only serves the people through her pharmaceutical expertise, but shines Christ's light to those who have never seen it before.

We need your help in supporting Miriam. It's not just about money. Your care and concern can help as well. Please make a commitment to pray for Miriam. Write letters of encouragement

along with donating money when the opportunity arises. Watch out for updates on the Cathedral Facebook pages and prayer requests in Cathedral publications. If you are part of a small group in the Cathedral community, you may like to "adopt" Miriam and support her in a particular way. If you would like to do this, please contact one of the clergy team at the Cathedral.

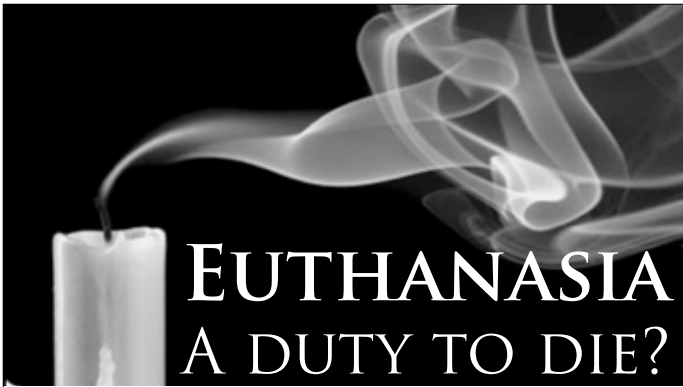
Dean Lawrence



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The Servers at play:
Ten-pin bowling on a wet Sunday in March!



EUTHANASIA A DUTY TO DIE?

A one day seminar (9.30am-2.30pm) on one of the controversial topics of today's society

Chaired by Bishop Victoria Matthews
and with speakers from both sides of the debate

Jack Havill, Past President, Voluntary Euthanasia Society (End of Life Choice)
Renée Joubert (Executive Officer, Euthanasia-Free NZ),
Graham O'Brien (Co-Chair InterChurch Bioethics Council),
Bishop Jim White (Assistant Bishop of Auckland)



The Transitional Cathedral, Latimer Square
Saturday 1 April from 9.30am to 2.30pm

BYO Lunch, tea/coffee provided

Registrations to Jill Short at Theology House 03 341 3399
admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz by 5 pm Thursday 30 March

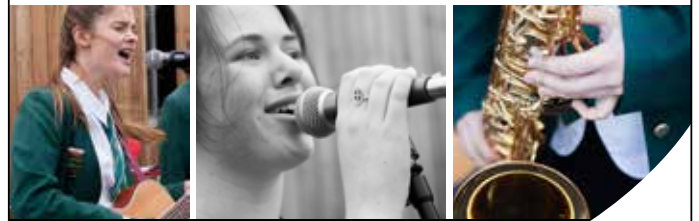


with special guest
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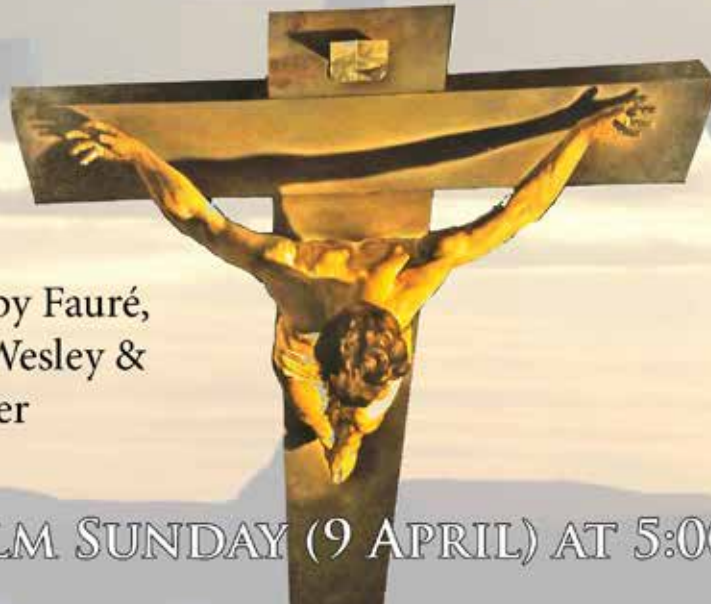


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*A service of hymns and readings from scripture,
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LOVE IS HIS MEANING:
A PASSIONTIDE SERVICE AT THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL



Including works by Fauré,
Byrd, Leighton, Wesley &
Charpentier

PALM SUNDAY (9 APRIL) AT 5:00PM



CATHEDRAL PROFILE: REV'D BEN RANDALL

I was born and raised in Christchurch (and ever-so-briefly Dunsandel), and I am part of a large extended family. As such I grew up surrounded by aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. We took the maxim – 'it takes a village' – very seriously. I thank God for my large and unruly family, with whom I try to spend as much time as possible.

I attended an Anglican Church School, St Michael & All Angels, growing up. It was here that I first met Dean Lawrence and Elizabeth Kimberley. At that time the Dean was serving his curacy; and so it is wonderfully ironic (and a gift) that I am serving my curacy with him now.

I was baptised on the Feast of Corpus Christi when I was seven; and that proved a very special time for me to affirm and give voice to my young faith.

As a young person I can remember Lent and Holy Week being a particularly important time for me. I continue to hold vivid memories of Mothering Sunday services when I could invite my mother and grandmother to church with me and present them with flowers (something I continued to do as an adult); but also looming large are the services focussed on the Passion of Christ, Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday.

I attended Shirley Boy's High School, and later completed my B.A. in Classical Studies at The University of Canterbury before a family tragedy derailed my original plan of becoming a teacher.

During the Christchurch Earthquakes I was living in the east and was working for Specsavers in Cashel Mall. With many people throughout Christchurch, I was moved by the spirit of neighbourliness and community-connection that manifested itself at that time. Due to the loss of the Cashel Mall store I was temporarily moved to another Specsavers store before moving permanently as a manager to the Shirley store.

This was a particularly fruitful time in my life as I began intentionally exploring

and deepening my faith, as well as discerning the call to ordained ministry that was given to me at this time.

It was in these years that I also developed a relationship with Child, Youth & Family; and became a fosterparent. Families, the fostercare system, young people's welfare and social justice are very important issues for me. Throughout my time as an active fostercarer, as well as my discernment, my workplace was incredibly supportive. Indeed we continue to enjoy a strong relationship and they have been known to attend more than one service here at the Cathedral.

I was supported throughout my discernment by a number of faithful laypeople and clergy throughout the diocese, including my vicar at the time Fr Andrew Starky and also Dean Lynda Patterson. It was a great joy to be accepted for ordination training at St John's Theological College in Auckland.

I attended St John's throughout 2015 and 2016; completing my Bachelor of Theology and also the Anglican Studies Diploma offered by our Church. It was fantastic to be able to get a broader view of our Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; especially in connecting with the other Tikanga, studying, living and worshipping at St John's.

While I was in Auckland I assisted in several different ministry units, both parishes and chaplaincies. My last parish placement in Auckland was at Holy Trinity, Devonport; and I was blessed to have members of that Parish, as well as a chaplain from Middlemore Hospital come down to Christchurch for my Ordination to the Diaconate.

I was ordained in July of 2016; a deeply humbling and overwhelming experience. I thank God

for all of the support that I received at that time from my family, friends, past parishes, but also from the Cathedral Community who gathered around and held the event through prayer. I could not have imagined at that time that in only a few short months I would be back with you all as your Assistant Curate.

It is wonderful to be back in Christchurch, back with my family, and also with the family of The Transitional Cathedral. You are a blessing, as is this place. I give glory to God for the life-giving ministry that I am called to exercise in this place.

Outside of the Cathedral, when not taken up with family matters, I am trying to cultivate some brand new hobbies and activities; and so, this year, I am looking to begin learning Sign Language which has long been of interest to me. I have also decided to take up archery; which with no depth perception and one bung eye, could well end up as a farce.

My faith is deeply rooted in the ceaseless rhythm of prayer, of which this Cathedral is such an example; but also, most especially in the grace of God and the absolute and overwhelming joy found in Christ. And so I leave you with a favourite greeting of mine, from the Russian mystic, Seraphim of Sarov – "Christ, my joy, is risen."

*Your servant in Christ,
Ben*

