



# 25 FEBRUARY 2018

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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### 8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Deacon:	The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Reader:	Evelyn Terris
Prayers:	Maralin Dunn



### 10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Deacon:	The Rev'd Nicky Lee
Liturgical Assistant:	Michale Earle
Verger:	Chris Oldham
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Harry Meehan

### 5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant:	Jill Kerr, Precentrix
Preacher:	The Rev'd Bosco Peters, Chaplain, Christ's College
Verger:	Jenny May
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Harry Meehan



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Welcome to all as we come together this Sunday. 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 summer. God bless you and your family and friends.

The Cathedral seating is in a different configuration today to accommodate the performances of **Earthquakes and Butterflies**.

Everyone is invited to this year's **World Day of Prayer** Service, held at Knox Church, 10.00am Friday 2 March. This year's service is brought to us from the people of Suriname.

**Christchurch Cathedral Choir 2018: Tour Fundraising Event.** A Garage and Carboot Market Day Sale, Saturday 03 March 2018 from 10 am – 4 pm, The Cathedral Grammar School Grounds - 26 Park Terrace. Liquid Velvet Coffee will be available on site along with a BBQ/Sausage Sizzle and more... Please go to this address to find out more information about the cause you are supporting and about our Choir in general [https://www.christchurchcathedralchoir.com/pdf-folder/choir\\_tour\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.christchurchcathedralchoir.com/pdf-folder/choir_tour_flyer.pdf)

**God Quest 2018:** This is a chance for Year 12 and 13 students to explore the Christian Faith and prepare for Confirmation. Weekly 7.30pm - 9.00pm, beginning Wednesday 7 March. For further information, please speak to Dean Lawrence Kimberley. The Diocesan Confirmation Service is 7.00pm, Sunday 20 May 2018 at The Transitional Cathedral

On Sunday 11 March after the 10am service, Cathedral Regular Marion Porter is offering an **illustrated talk about the Falkland Islands**. The talk will take place at the Cathedral Grammar School Staff Room. A finger food buffet will be provided. Gold coin admission. Organised by the Cathedral Friends Association.

Please mark your diaries now for **The Great Vigil of Easter**, 9.00pm, Saturday 31 March 2018. We invite you to celebrate the joyous resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Journeying from darkness into light, and hearing once again the story of our Salvation, at this first Liturgy of Easter. If anyone has been considering baptism, please do speak to Dean Lawrence Kimberley.

We very much look forward to seeing you there. The **Lent at the Cathedral** Booklet is currently available in the foyer. This pamphlet lists the particular activities being undertaken at the Cathedral this Lent and we encourage you to take a copy.

Lent is a time when we consider our relationship with God and our spiritual life. As we prepare for the coming of Holy Week and Easter some may wish the **ministry of reconciliation**, commonly known as private confession. This spiritual practice allows for the confession of sins to a priest, and the declaration of God's forgiveness; it is carried out with the assurance of complete confidentiality. If you would like to know more about this practice or you would like to make a time to meet, please speak with a Cathedral priest.

The Diocese has released a Lenten booklet, **Hope: Through Lent with Romans**, by Kelvin Wright and Peter Carrell. The booklet is available in our Cathedral Shop. A discount is available for Cathedral Regulars, please see The Rev'd Nicky Lee.

**Prayer for the Diocese:** Each week the Cathedral prays with the whole Diocese of Christchurch. This week we are asked to pray for the Special Diocesan Synod to be held on 3 March 2018.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:** If you have prayer requests for people or situations known to you, please contact The Rev'd Ben or The Rev'd Nicky ph. 3660046 or [assistantcurate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz](mailto:assistantcurate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz) or [nicky@christchurchcathedral.co.nz](mailto:nicky@christchurchcathedral.co.nz)

# THIS WEEK: 26 FEBRUARY ~ 4 MARCH

Morning Prayer is said Tues - Fri at 8.30am

## Monday 26 February

12.05pm Midday Prayer

## Tuesday 27 February

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

*with prayers for healing*

5.30pm Choral Evensong

*sung by The Cathedral Choir*

## Wednesday 28 February

7.30am Holy Eucharist *with a light breakfast*

*Preacher: Marla Hughes*

9.30am Lenten Study Group *at the Deanery*

12.05pm Holy Eucharist (*Celtic*)

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

*sung by The Cathedral Choir*

## Thursday 1 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist *in Te Reo Māori*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by The*

*Gentlemen of The Cathedral Choir*

## Friday 2 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

4.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by The*

*Choristers of The Cathedral Choir*

## Saturday 3 March

12.05pm Midday Prayer

## SUNDAY 4 MARCH

### The Third Sunday of Lent

#### 8.00am Holy Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

#### 10.00am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley*

*Music: The Cathedral Choir*

#### 5.00pm Choral Evensong

##### Hope for the Journey

*Preacher: The Rev'd Vivien Harber*

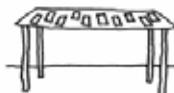
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## LENT

ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FROWNED UPON

EDUCATIONAL  
LEAFLETS

FREE  
SAMPLES



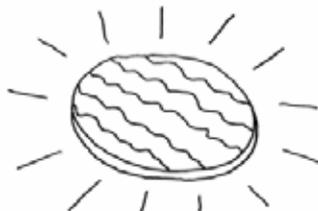
PARISH BREWERY TRIPS



FOUL LANGUAGE ANYWHERE IN THE DEANERY

THIS AFTERNOON  
THERE IS A  
BEETLE  
DRIVE  
TICKETS VIA THE BOX OFFICE

HAVING TOO MUCH FUN



CHOCOLATE BISCUITS AFTER THE 10 A.M.

## 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.

We continue the season of Lent and the journey with Christ to the cross. The Gospel text before us at the Eucharist today has Mark's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Just prior to this, Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. Undoubtedly, Peter was seeing a vision of a thriving Kingdom led by Jesus with himself as Jesus' right-hand man. This was followed by words that Peter did not want to hear: that Jesus will suffer grievously through public rejection and death at the hands of evildoers. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of suffering, Jesus rebukes him, tells Peter that he is a scandal who sees things from a human point of view and not as God sees them.

When Jesus is transfigured on the Mountain, his full divinity is made clear. He is revealed as being shot through with the energy and life of God. He is visible as the dwelling place of the light of God. The force of this divine energy is such that the disciples are blown back from Jesus. Then, the two 'biggies' of the tradition, Moses and Elijah, appear alongside Jesus. The force of his divine energy means that those from the past who are held in God are brought into the present. This is important for the way we read Scripture in the Liturgy. When the scriptures are read, God is bringing the voice of the prophet or the apostle into our presence so that we hear their experiences of God's wisdom and grace as if they speak to us directly.

St Mark does not tell us what Moses and Elijah speak about, but St Luke does. According to Luke's account, Moses and Elijah speak about the coming 'Exodus' that Jesus is about to accomplish, the passing over from death to life. In other words, Jesus is being offered encouragement and strengthening for the journey to come. Of course, the next time we see Jesus at the top of a mountain, it will be at Golgotha. Jesus will be on a cross flanked by two other criminals, also on a cross. That will be another view of the divinity of Christ, and we will be called to unpack that on Good Friday.

At Evensong today we welcome the Rev'd Bosco Peters, Chaplain at Christ's College, as our preacher. The Lenten Eucharist on Wednesday morning is underway, as is the bible study group. All are welcome to attend these, and to enter into the journey with Christ to the cross.

This Saturday, 3 March, there will be a Diocesan Synod at which there will be further debate about human sexuality; in other words the final report of the Motion 29 Working Group will be debated. Also for consideration are motions and bills to enable the Diocese to respond to new reporting standards for charitable organisations, and a revision of the statute that determines the number of lay representatives at synod. Your prayers for those attending synod are invited. If you wish to observe, you are welcome to attend at St Christopher's, Avonhead. On Sunday 4 March there will be a regulars' forum at which there will be a verbal update on proceedings.

May God bless you all this week.

*Dean Lawrence*

## EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Where ever you are on your faith journey the Transitional Cathedral extends a warm welcome to you. Whether you feel sure and confident in your faith or whether you are full of questions, doubts and uncertainties you are very welcome. At this Cathedral we seek to do our best to support one another in our shared searching and questioning, knowing none of us will ever fully understand it all.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith then please contact a member of our clergy team, who will be happy to meet with you. You are also welcome to email The Rev'd Ben Randall at [assistantcurate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz](mailto:assistantcurate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz)