

4 MARCH 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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



10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

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

5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Rev'd Vivien Harber
Vergers:	Julie Andrews
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. God bless you and your family and friends.

There is a **Regulars' Forum this morning** after our 10.00am service, if you would like to take part then please do stay following the service.

Next Friday, 9 March at 7pm is our **Lenten Movie (A United Kingdom) with Theological Reflection**. You must register for this event as it is a private screening, and due to numbers we have not yet determined the location. Please make sure to register your interest on the forms at the back of the Cathedral and please let us know your contact details so that we can advise you of the location (in or near the Cathedral). Deadline for Registration is Tuesday 6th March.

As we approach the Festival of Easter we request donations for **Easter flowers for the Cathedral**. These donations can be made *in memoriam* of a loved one. Please speak to The Rev'd Nicky Lee about making a donation.

The Cathedral is **in need of palm fronds and flax** in order to decorate the Cathedral and prepare Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday (25 March 2018). Please speak to The Rev'd Nicky Lee if you have either palms or flax to contribute. The decorating and Palm Cross making will happen on Saturday 24 March.

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

The King's Singers: Gold 50th Anniversary Tour, Thursday 8 March 7:30pm, Charles Luney Auditorium. See eventfinda.co.nz or call 0800 289 849 for further information.

The illustrated talk by Marion Porter on the Falkland Islands, being arranged by the Friends of the Cathedral for 11th March has been **postponed and will be re-scheduled at a later date**.

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.

You are invited to consider attending the Diocesan **Cursillo: A Short Course in Christian Living**. It is being held this year Thursday 26 April - Sunday 29 April and registration is now available. For further information please speak to The Ven Lynnette Lightfoot or The Rev'd Ben Randall.

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.

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.

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 or nicky@christchurchcathedral.co.nz

THIS WEEK: 5 ~ 11 MARCH

Morning Prayer is said Tues - Fri at 8.30am

Monday 5 March

12.05pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 6 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist
with prayers for healing
5.30pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir

Wednesday 7 March

7.30am Holy Eucharist *with a light breakfast*
Preacher: The Rev'd Nicky Lee
9.30am Lenten Study Group *at the Deanery*
12.05pm Holy Eucharist *(Celtic)*
5.30 pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir

Thursday 8 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist *in Te Reo Māori*
5.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by The*
Gentlemen of The Cathedral Choir

Friday 9 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist
4.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by The*
Choristers of The Cathedral Choir
7.00pm Lent Movie and Reflection

Saturday 10 March

12.05pm Midday Prayer

SUNDAY 11 MARCH

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Lynnette Lightfoot

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Lynnette Lightfoot
Music: The Cathedral Choir

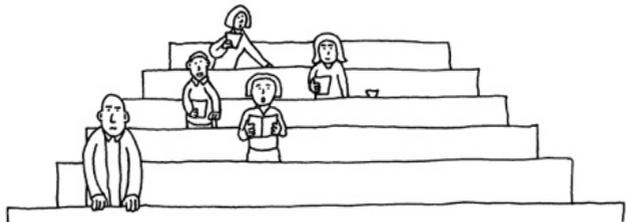
5.00pm Choral Evensong Hope for the Journey

Preacher: The Rev'd Anne Price
Music: The Cathedral Choir

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REFLECTION

Welcome to the Transitional Cathedral, the broad tent with a wide open door. If you are joining us from beyond Christchurch I trust you are enjoying your stay here.

The Gospel reading at the Sunday Eucharist today is from St John's Gospel, which in many respects has a different story line from the other three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The account of Jesus cleansing the temple is one story that we find in all four gospels, however whereas Matthew, Mark and Luke say that Jesus did this in the last week before his crucifixion, John has this at the beginning of his Gospel, which he tells so that people might believe.

Most people hear this story of Jesus driving the traders and money changers out of the temple as an indication that Jesus was against selling things and changing money in the temple, and then wonder about the shop in the foyer of this Cathedral. But this would be to miss the point. Without the people selling animals in the temple there would be no sacrifices, and without the money changers no one could offer kosher currency to pay the temple offerings that every Jewish person took pride in paying. Jesus is not trying to get rid of a bit of corruption here. He is saying that he is declaring the whole temple to be irrelevant and cancelling the religious apparatus that went with it.

That is because in his own person, Jesus is the place where God dwells. It is through him that all people access God. When he is nailed to the cross and enthroned as the crucified King, his life is made available for the whole world. In other words, Jesus in his very being is replacing the Jerusalem temple and becoming the access point to God. Up until then the Temple had been a great institution. It was the place where God had chosen to dwell among humanity and to invite his chosen people to celebrate his grace and forgiveness. All that, important though it was, was pointing toward Jesus. Jesus is the astonishing fulfilment of the hopes and dreams of Israel, and as such he in his person is now God's house. Jesus is the embodiment of love for God's house, which includes you and me and every human heart that welcomes his Spirit of truth and love.

At Evensong tonight we welcome the Rev'd Vivien Harber, who is the Anglican priest responsible for the parishes on the West Coast of our Diocese. Please extend a warm welcome to her this evening.

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