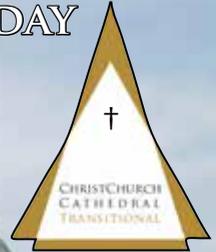


11 MARCH 2018
THE FOURTH
SUNDAY IN LENT

MOTHERING
SUNDAY



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8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Ven Lynnette Lightfoot, Assistant Priest
Deacon:	The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Prayers:	Maralin Dunn



10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Ven Lynnette Lightfoot, Assistant Priest
Liturgical Assistant:	Taidhg Frazer
Vergers:	Jenny May
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 Anne Price
Vergers:	Peter Williams
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.

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 and all are invited to help.

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. 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 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.

Prayer for the Diocese: Each week the Cathedral prays with the whole Diocese of Christchurch. This week we are asked to pray for the Parish of Avonhead, and also to pray and give thanks for the ministry of Deacons throughout our Diocese.

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.

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: 12 ~ 18 MARCH

Morning Prayer is said Tues - Fri at 8.30am

Monday 12 March

12.05pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 13 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist
with prayers for healing

5.30pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir

Wednesday 14 March

7.30am Holy Eucharist with a light breakfast
Preacher: Elizabeth Kimberley

9.30am Lenten Study Group at the Deanery

12.05pm Holy Eucharist (Celtic)

5.30 pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir

Thursday 15 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist in Te Reo Māori

5.30 pm Choral Evensong sung by The
Gentlemen of The Cathedral Choir

Friday 16 March

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

4.30 pm Choral Evensong sung by The
Choristers of The Cathedral Choir

Saturday 17 March

12.05pm Midday Prayer

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

The Fifth 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

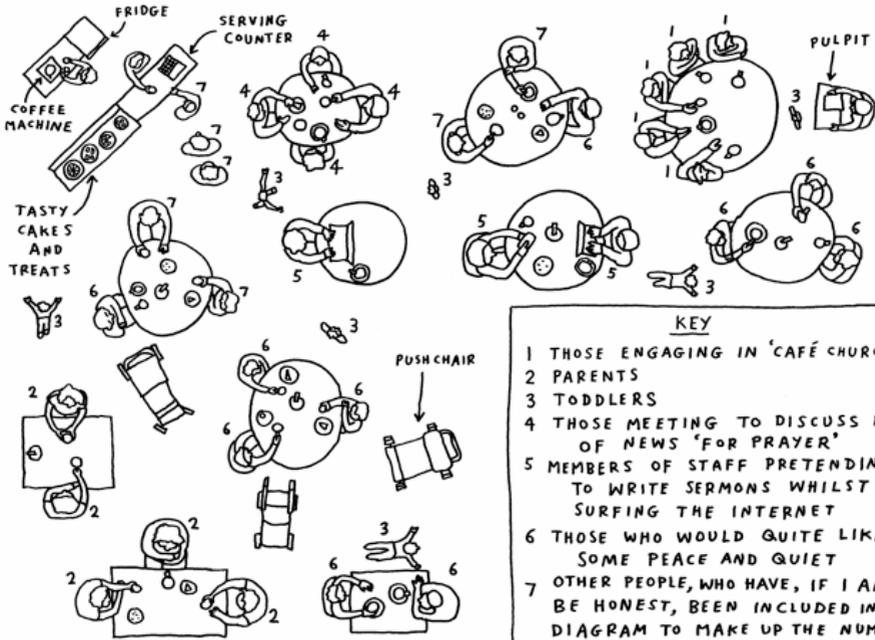
Hope for the Journey

Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Hurricks

Music: The Cathedral Choir

THE CHURCH CAFÉ

SEEN FROM ABOVE



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.

Along with the whole Church worldwide, the Cathedral is celebrating the season of Lent, the special time of the year when we prepare to enter into the passion and death of Jesus, to celebrate his resurrection on Easter Day and to give thanks that this means that God is opening a way for humanity to share in the divine life of God. This year, the readings on the first four Sundays of Lent sketch for us the history of salvation, reminding us that from our very first beginning, we have needed and received God's grace, forgiveness, and restoration. Next Sunday we will hear a prophecy of what this history of salvation points to: Jesus' passion, death and resurrection and the gift of the outpouring of the Spirit. This is the New Covenant, God's ultimate pledge of faithfulness, the focal point of God's saving work which won life for all humanity.

In the Gospel readings for today and the next two Sundays, Jesus himself points forward to that great deed, when his Body, the true Temple, would be lifted up on the Cross so as to pour forth the Living Water. Like the grain of wheat that must be buried to yield a harvest, Jesus will empower us to offer our lives in union with him so as to rise in glory with him in the resurrection.

Today is also known as Mothering Sunday. This is a tradition that has come down to us from the mediaeval Church, when it was customary to take a break from the rigours of the Lenten fast, and for the whole Diocese to gather in the Cathedral (the mother church of the Diocese) for an uplifting celebration and offering of thanks and praise to God. Today we will give away posies of flowers as a way of marking Mothering Sunday.

At Evensong tonight we welcome the Rev'd Anne Price, who is currently the Priest in Charge of the parish of Christchurch St Michael and All Angels. The Rev'd Anne Price is also the former chaplain of Cathedral Grammar School. 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