



13 MAY  
2018  
ASCENSION

Ascension of Christ  
by Salvador Dali

## 8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley  
Deacon & Prayers: The Rev'd Alastair Buick  
Reader: John West

## 10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley  
Deacon: The Ven Nicky Lee  
Liturgical Assistant: Karina Marshall  
Verger: Chris Oldham  
Music: The Cathedral Choir  
Director of Music: John Linker  
Assistant Organist: Harry Meehan

## 5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant: Jill Kerr, Precentrix  
Preacher: Marla Hughes  
Verger: Anne Palframan  
Music: The Cathedral Choir  
Director of Music: John Linker  
Assistant Organist: Harry Meehan

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



No cellphones or  
cameras please

Welcome to all as we come together this Sunday. We are glad you have chosen to come to the Transitional Cathedral this Easter Season. God bless you and your family and friends.

**What on Earth is God doing about Unity: Stories of Justice, Peace and Hope.** You are invited to attend a discussion panel to begin this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Tonight, Sunday 13 May, 7.00pm-8.30pm at Knox Church, 28 Bealey Avenue. Speakers include The Rev'd Canon Ben Truman, Ngaire Button, Fr Frank Kelly and The Rev'd Sheena Dickson.

**Kia Kaha's Friends**, is the Cathedral's Children's programme. Children who would like to take part are encouraged to gather during the psalm.

The **Annual Meeting of the Cathedral** community has been scheduled for this morning, Sunday 13 May after the 10am Eucharist. Annual Reports are available. There are two nominations for Lay Canon. Profiles are included with the Reports. Only Chas Muir has been nominated for Synod Rep, so he will be re-elected.

Next Sunday is **Pentecost** - come in something red!!

The Cathedral **Mid-Winter Dinner** will be held from 6.00pm on Saturday 30th June at St Christopher's 244 Avonhead Rd. The theme is a Song Title. Adults \$10, Children 10 and under \$5. Forms will be available shortly from the shop at the Cathedral.

The AGM of the Cathedral Choir Society will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 17 May after Choral Evensong. All regulars are invited to attend.

The **Christchurch Marathon** will be running on Queen's Birthday weekend (Sunday 3 June). It will interrupt traffic coming to the Cathedral from the north. Please allow plenty of time to get here. It is best if you divert around Hagley Park and approach the Cathedral from the south end of Madras St.

**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 and School of St Michael & All Angels; and for the ministry of the Diocese of Nelson, their Bishop, clergy and people.

**Laidlaw College Open Day:** 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch on Thursday 17 May, 4-8pm. Explore your study options at Laidlaw College's Open Day. If you are interested in studying the Bible, theology, Christian leadership, counselling or teaching then we would love to meet you and have a chat! [www.laidlaw.ac.nz](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz) | [chch@laidlaw.ac.nz](mailto:chch@laidlaw.ac.nz) | 03 354 4270

Please continue to hold in your prayers our NZCMS Mission Partner, **Miriam Tillman**; praying for a blessed Easter Season for her and her continuing work and ministry at the Hospital of Hope in Togo, West Africa.

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.

If you would like to receive the **weekly e-Life newsletter** from the Diocese, this can be read on the Diocesan website each Wednesday afternoon.



**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: 14 MAY ~ 20 MAY

Morning Prayer is said **Tues - Fri** at 8.30am

## Monday 14 May

12.05pm Midday Prayer

## Tuesday 15 May

12.05pm Holy Eucharist  
with prayers for healing

5.30 pm Choral Evensong  
sung by *The Cathedral Choir*

## Wednesday 16 May

12.05pm Holy Eucharist (*Celtic*)

5.30 pm Choral Evensong  
sung by *The Cathedral Choir*

## Thursday 17 May

12.05pm Holy Eucharist in *Te Reo Māori*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong  
sung by the men of *The Cathedral Choir*

## Friday 18 May

12.05pm Holy Eucharist

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

## Saturday 19 May

12.05pm Midday Prayer

## SUNDAY 20 MAY – Pentecost

### 8.00am Holy Eucharist

Preacher: *Revd Ben Randall*

### 10.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: *Revd Ben Randall*

Music: *The Cathedral Choir*

### 5.00pm Pentecost Service of Hymns, Readings and Anthems

Music: *The Cathedral Choir*

### 7.00pm Confirmation Service

Preacher: *Rt Revd Kelvin Wright*

# INSPECTIONS

THESE MUST BE CARRIED OUT REGULARLY



RECORDS

	✓	✓
AUDREY	✓	✓
BRIAN	✓	✓
MARGARET	✓	✓
PETER	✓	✓
JOHN	✓	✓
CELIA	✓	✓
VINCEPT	✓	✓

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## REFLECTION

Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! 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 Cathedral is continuing to celebrate the season of Easter, and proclaiming that Christ is risen through our music, hymns, scripture readings and prayers.

Today the Cathedral is celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord. St Luke's description of the Ascension has been well explored by artists, often with Jesus' feet sticking out of a cloud or out of a ceiling. These images are intended to show that we are celebrating Jesus going before us to his Father in Heaven. We need to remember that the Ascension is still proclaiming the full humanity of Christ. We affirm that Jesus ascended into heaven with his humanity, and not just as a divine being of some sort. Jesus is a fully human being who is with God in heaven, and the union of his humanity and his divinity remains.

We give thanks therefore, that Jesus takes the experience of being human, with all its joys, contradictions and suffering, into the presence and being of God. Before God, he offers prayer eternally for us. His prayer is full of compassion, for he knows what it is to be in our shoes.

While the Ascension is about a real human being in the presence of God, it reminds us that Jesus is the beginning of our salvation, that where he is gone we hope to follow. It also tells us that God was present with us when Jesus walked on this earth, and that through the Holy Spirit he continues to be present with us now. Furthermore, we continue to be his body here on earth, and Jesus is present among us in our communion together.

General Synod has been meeting over the last week in New Plymouth. Once again the question of whether or not same-sex relationships can be blessed was a major topic for discussion. This is a question that has divided our Church deeply, including this Diocese. As I understand it, General Synod has adopted a way forward that will allow those with strong convictions on both sides of this debate to hold their position with integrity and without being disciplined. In certain circumstances it will soon be possible for a same-sex civil marriage to be blessed in the Anglican Church, but clergy and parishes who disagree will be respected and not be compelled to offer these blessings. No change to our doctrine or to the canons and formularies of this Church regarding Christian marriage has been made. We will all have to wait for the detail to be worked through to see what this is going to look like.

This week it is with much regret that I received a letter of resignation from our Assistant Organist, Harry Meehan. Harry would like to return to Ireland with his partner in October this year, and so will be with us until the end of term three (and will participate in the choir trip to Japan). Harry is a brilliant organist and we have been lucky to have him here for the last two years. He has also made his mark in the City with his contribution to music making in the wider community, Cathedral Grammar and Christ's College. Please enjoy him while we still have him with us.

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)