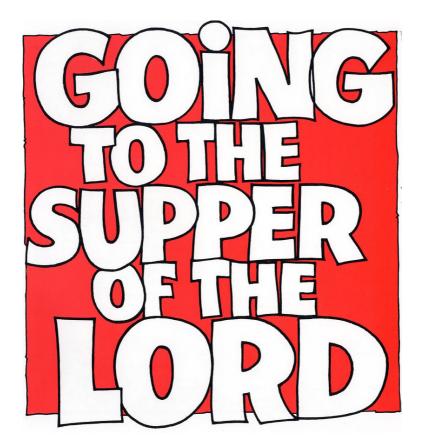


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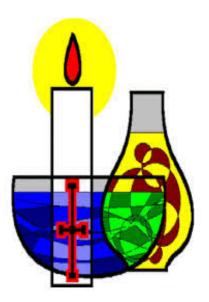
open doors ... open hearts ... open minds



Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 18 November 2018

PASTORAL INTRODUCTION

Today we especially welcome Chloe Irwin, Kaitlyn Irwin, Skye Irwin, Theodore Kent, Lily Ann Leven, Llywellen Lloyd, Ben Tindall and Thomas Watters as they claim their place at the Table of Jesus. For Ben and Theodore this will also be the day they are baptised.



Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith.

Another milestone in the journey of faith occurs when our children claim their place at the Table of Jesus. Today we welcome several children as they take that next step in their lifelong adventure as people of faith.

The service uses many different symbols to express what happens on the Christian way. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death for us. The water of baptism is a sign of cleansing, renewal and new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. Lighted candles are a sign of that new life. The bread and wine of the Eucharist represent the life of Christ within us, while the Altar Table speaks to our identity as the community of Christ gathered for a meal.

As you pray for these children, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Introit Let the words of my mouth (Dulcie Holland)

Entrance Hymn

Here I Am, Lord [TIS 658]

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who'll bear the light to them? Whom shall I send?

Hear I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Daniel L. Shutte, b. 1947]

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Holy God, Shepherd of Israel, you have chosen us: we come to you with love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you laid down your life for the sheep: we come to you in faith.

Spirit of Peace, you bring us together as one flock: we come to you in prayer.

Holy Trinity, one God, we come to you in praise.

A minister says

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

This Hymn of Praise is sung.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

The priest then says the Collect of the Day.

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder of justice for the oppressed: maintain the hope of the poor, so that the time may soon come when no one need want for food and shelter, and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his very self and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

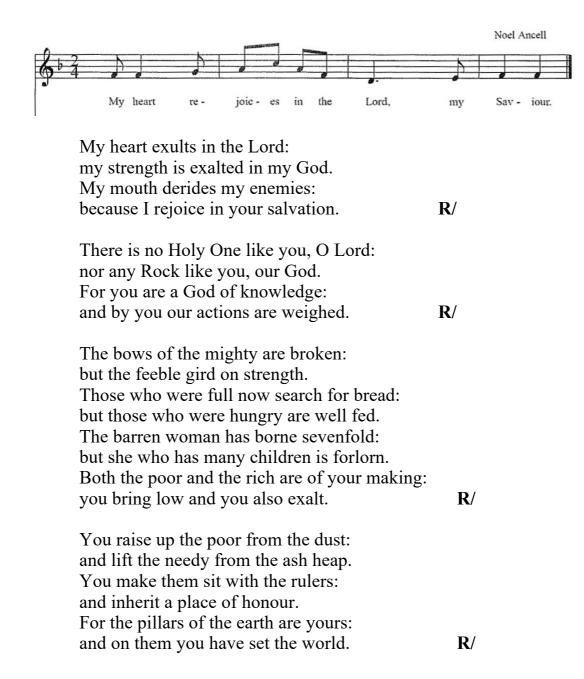
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Old Testament

[1 Samuel 1:9–10a, 12–17, 20]

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ... As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ... In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

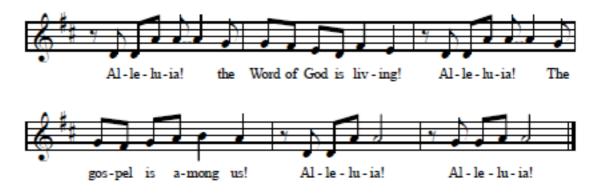
Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm

Gospel

All stand for the Gospel reading, which may be introduced by the following chant.



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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [13:1–8] Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

THE BAPTISM LITURGY

The Presentation

The congregation gathers at the Font and the priest says:

We welcome those who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present her now.

We present Theodore Gregory Kent to be baptised. We present Ben Joshua Tindall to be baptised.

The priest asks each candidate

Do you wish to be baptized? I do.

The priest addresses the whole congregation

We thank God for those who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. Will you support them on their journey of faith? **We will.**

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on each candidate's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Parents and sponsors may also wish to sign them with the cross, after which the priest says

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever. Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with those who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Theodore/Ben, is this your faith?

Each answers in their own words, or says This is my faith.

The priest pours water on each candidate, saying

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Commission

The priest speaks to the newly baoptised persons about their future as a Christian:

¶ The welcome of the Church, local and universal

- ¶ *The importance of belonging to the Christian community*
- ¶ The challenge to grow in Christian discipleship
- ¶ The call to share God's love

God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism, and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Welcome to the Table of Jesus

During his life Jesus gathered people for meals that celebrated God's loving presence among them. Rich and poor, young and old, women and men, gathered around the table of the Lord, finding forgiveness and healing in the broken bread and the shared cup.

After Easter, the followers of Jesus continued to gather for meals with the risen Master. In the commemoration of Jesus' death and resurrection we share his life and draw strength for the journey of life.

God has called you into the company of Jesus' followers. Are you now ready to take your place at the table of Jesus? We are.

Will you be faithful in gathering at this table with God's people? We will.

Will you share your faith with us as we share our faith with you? We will.

May God bless you and us as we gather around the table of the Lord, and as we travel together as people of faith. **Amen**.

The Greeting of Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

God has a table [TIS 544]

Since the world was young there's a song that's been sung of a promise coming true: hungry folk will eat and long-lost friends will meet and the Lord will make all things new.

God has a table where he calls his friends to a feast that never ends; God has a table and one day we'll meet him there. Jesus saw a crowd who were hungry, and vowed that they didn't have much food. So he fed that bunch with a little boy's lunch as a sign that God is good.

Jesus told a tale of how rich people fail to accept God's summons to dine. Then before their eyes those without earthly ties share heaven's finest food and wine.

Till we hear that word from the mouth of the Lord saying, 'Join me at my table', for the world we'll care and its good things we will share as long as we are able.

John L. Bell (1949–) & Graham Maule (1958–)

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We love to praise you, holy God, for your beautiful world and your wonderful ways.

You are the shepherd of your people. You gave us good commandments and you sent your messengers to guide us.

When we disobeyed you or forgot you and when we lost our way, you came to our rescue every time.

And best of all, the Son of God was born as Mary's child. You gave us Jesus, the Good Shepherd. When he died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven, the Shepherd gave up his life for the sheep.

But no evil power could defeat your truth and love in him. You raised him from the dead and gave him back to us, to bring us life and peace for ever.

So we praise you, living God, singing our song with angels and saints and Christians everywhere: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the meal you shared with us on the night before you died. You took the bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to your friends.

You said: "This is my body. Take it and eat it in memory of me."

Then you took the cup of wine, and blessed it, and gave it to your friends to drink. You said: "This is my blood. It is God's guarantee that sins will be forgiven. Every time you drink it, do this in memory of me."

So we do what you command us, and we remember: you lived and died, you rose in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, and you will come again at the end of time to bring us home to God. Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Now, Holy Spirit, we praise you because you help us pray.

Come to us in this celebration, and make us your holy people.

Feed us at this table with the body and the blood of Christ. Make our faith grow.

Send us to be your messengers to the world.

Spread the Good News of Jesus by our words, our actions and our love.

Teach us to praise the living God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, with every breath you give us:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread: so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy things for holy people. Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion anthems

I give you a new commandment (Peter Aston) *Put peace into each other's hands* (John Barnard)

Community notices and personal celebrations

Mission Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore you [TIS 152]

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love; hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you, Earth and heaven reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, singing bird and flowing fountain call to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! You our Father, Christ our brother, all are yours who live in love; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933 alt.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Living God, Shepherd of your people, thank you for gathering your flock and for feeding us today. Thank you for the company of all your faithful friends to share the story and the meal. Send us on the journey of this week with your power to protect us and your Spirit to inspire us, every step of the way.

The Blessing

May the Good Shepherd bless you with strong protection and the food you need to make you grow in body, mind and spirit. And the blessing of the holy and glorious Trinity be yours as well, with power to pass these blessings on, now and for ever. Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The priest gives each child a candle which has been lit from the Paschal Candle and then says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

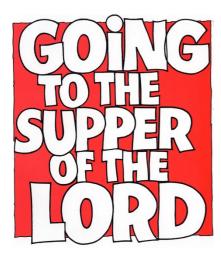
The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

Grand Choeur (Theodore Dubois).

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ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION

Today we especially welcome children and families as they gather to celebrate their admission to Holy Communion. Over the past couple of months we had welcomed a number of children to the Table of Jesus, and today we extend a special welcome to families from Year Four at Clarence Valley Anglican School. The children have been learning about Holy Communion in their Christian Studies program, which is taught by Robert Eather, our Director of Music. In his other life, Robert is a Music Teacher at CVAS.

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

There is no more important task and no more rewarding role than nurturing the spiritual capacities of our children and other family members. As a Cathedral community, we work with parents, godparents, grandparents and other members of the extended family to offer our children the best support as they grow in their knowledge, in their sense of connection with God, in their compassion for others and in their care for the fragile web of life.



Parents	Milestones	Faith@Home	Seasons
Resources for parents	Celebrating the special stages	Nurturing the spirit	Holy days and holidays
Family Life	Compassion	Faith@Church	Sacraments
Ideas for healthy family life	Make a difference in the world	Finding spiritual community	Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

DAILY MORSELS

Are you getting the Dean's daily inspirational message on your smart phone? To get these daily morsels of wisdom for everyday life, just download the Cathedral app on your phone and activate notifications when prompted. To download the app simply scan the QR code or visit: https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/app-1



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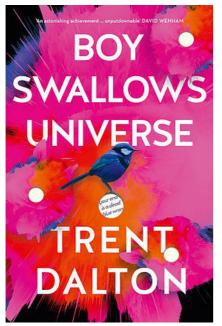
Our 2018 series of Organ Recitals will conclude with a performance in the Cathedral next Wednesday 21st November at 12.30pm. Please make a special effort to come and hear our Music Director, Robert Eather as he plays music with the theme of "Remembrance".

Bring some friends and your lunch as you sit back and enjoy some time listening to this magnificent instrument.

The 2019 series will commence with a recital on 20 February 2019 and then continue every third Wednesday of the month throughout the year.

FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING | NOVEMBER 25

Next week we conclude the church liturgical year with the feast of Christ the King, which is also our festival as the Cathedral Church of Christ the King. Bishop Murray will be joining us for that occasion, and we shall also have a bring and share luncheon in the Parish Centre after the service.



READING WITH SPIRITUAL EYES

Join us for the Cathedral book club that meets once every school term.

You still have a couple of weeks left during which time you could buy the book at the Cathedral Bookshop and be ready for the discussion at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 4 December.

If you would like to join in, the books are well worth reading and this one in particular.

Come and join us.

You will be very welcome.

UPDATE RE PARISH FINANCES TO THE END OF OCTOBER

From time to time we like to provide updates on how the financial side of things are looking for our Cathedral community.

Our major sources of income in our budget for 2018 are offerings and other donations (\$130,000), OpShop (\$92,000), missions and special projects (\$20,000), other sources (\$25,000).

Excluding income from trust funds for major capital items such as the recent kitchen upgrade or the current Baptistry roof replacement, total 'ordinary' income for the first 10 months of 2018 has been approximately \$259,000. The budget for income over the whole year was \$269,000.

Since offerings and other donations are such an important part of the income to the Cathedral, you may like to see the data for the first ten months of 2018:

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	
CASH ENVELOPES†		\$17,000.00 \$47,500.00	\$20,748.00 \$46,070.35	+\$3,748.48 -\$1,429.65
TOTALS		\$64,500.00	\$66,818.35	+\$2,318.83

[†]This includes offerings made via the Parish provider service.

Overall, offerings are just a little ahead of our budget plans, while income from general donations and specific project donations are about \$20,000 ahead of our budget. This is mostly due to contributions for the kitchen upgrade.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these great results so far this year.

We encourage members of our Cathedral community to use the mobile giving facility in the app to make both once-off and recurring gifts to help fund our important work in Grafton and beyond.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday, 23 December	11.00am All Saints Church, Lawrence
Monday, 24 December	5.00pm Children's Service led by Bishop Murray
	7.30pm Church of the Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst
	11.00pm Midnight Mass, Christ Church Cathedral
Tuesday, 25 December	9.00am Christmas Day, Christ Church Cathedral

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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook Kathryn Douglas Roy Ford Gail Gilmore Gladys Gray Brian Holley Fay Kelly Ruth Kingsley Doris Lee Joan Marr John McAnally Jan Pitt

Eileen Rogan Muriel Shepherd Tammy Uren Jessie Usher Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Don Graham, Merle Amos, Elsie Braund, Darrell Brown, Dulcie James, Diane Cross

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ, bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	Admission of Children to Holy Communion 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Holy Eucharist (Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst)
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Tuesday	 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.30am – Holy Communions (St Catherine's) 12.00pm – Op Shop Christmas Lunch (The Whitehouse) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Holy Eucharist (Cathedral) 12.30pm – Organ Recital (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.30pm – Parish Council Meeting (Edwards Hall)
Thursday	 7.00am – Produce Markets (OpShop car park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Christ Church Cathedral)
Friday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – Cursillo Executive Meeting (Edwards Hall)
Next Sunday	Feast of Christ the King 9.00am – Festival Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Fellowship Lunch (Edwards Hall)

<u>Next Sunday's roster</u>: Ted & Pat Mair (sidespeople), Cathy Eggins (Reader 1), Robyn Higham (Reader 2 & Prayers), Bryce & Betty Gilbert (Morning Tea)



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