



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

11 November 2018 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We are a generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

Entrance Hymn

Almighty God, lift up our eyes [615 TIS]

Prayer of the day



God of love and liberty,
We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy, and we remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen**

Gradual Hymn

Lord your almighty word [447 TIS]

Offertory Hymn

Take my life and let it be [599 TIS]

Mission Hymn

Community of Christ [473 TIS]

BIBLE READINGS

First Reading

[Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17]

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.' So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Psalm 127

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
3. If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
4. One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
5. To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
6. For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.
7. And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
8. And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
9. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
10. My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.

11. Do not hide your face from me:
 or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
12. For you have been my helper:
 do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
13. Though my father and my mother forsake me:
 the Lord will take me up.
14. Teach me your way, O Lord:
 and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
15. Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and those who breathe out violence.
16. But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:
 in the land of the living.
17. O wait for the Lord;
 stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
 and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Second Reading

[Hebrews 9.23-28]

Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Gospel Reading

[Mark 12.38-44]

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

REMEMBRANCE DAY

In our service this morning we especially remember the Great War that ravaged so many places on our planet and devastated so many families in rural communities across our own land. While we honour the courage of those serving in the conflict, we affirm the futility of war as an instrument of policy or a means to justice. We commemorate the centenary of the armistice when the guns fell silent at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day or the eleventh month. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and especially those currently deployed overseas. May they return safely and may their families be kept safe from harm.



my FAITH

my LIFE

my CHURCH



DEAN'S FORUM: EXPLORING OUR FAITH, MAKING IT OUR OWN

During Spring we have had a special series of the Dean's Forum for anyone wishing to brush up their understanding of what it means to be an Anglican:

September 09	Anglican Christianity
September 16	Disciples of Jesus
September 23	The Bible
October 07	Spiritual Practice
November 04	The Five Marks of Mission
November 11	Intentional Discipleship

This series concludes today.

For those not able to join us in person on all these Sunday mornings, the sessions are available as video afterwards. Use them for your own personal study or form a small discussion group to discuss the topics in the series.

INFORMATION FOR CVAS ENROLMENTS IN 2019

CVAS is offering a special information session at 5.00pm tomorrow for Cathedral families interesting in learning about options for their children to enrol at Clarence Valley Anglican School, including the availability of scholarships to assist with tuition fees and other costs. This session will be in the Storrs Hall at the cathedral Campus of CVAS in Victoria Street.



2018 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Festival of Flowers with its theme—*The Big River*—such a great success. The event showcased the beauty of our valley and the skills of our floral artists. Not to mention their stamina.

The four days of fund-raising including Flower Festival, Teas and Raffle raised over \$4000. Thank you also in particular to our scone maker, Vorna Cooper and the wonderful helpers that came every day to help setup for morning and afternoon teas, serve, clean, dismantle and put away.

**GOING
TO THE
SUPPER
OF THE
LORD**

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday at the 9.00am service we shall welcome children and families from Year Four at Clarence Valley Anglican School. The children having been learning about Holy Communion in their Christian Studies program, which is taught by our Robert Eather. The Anglican children from the class will be welcomed to their place at the Table of Jesus next Sunday, and we anticipate this being a wonderful celebration for everyone in the Cathedral community.

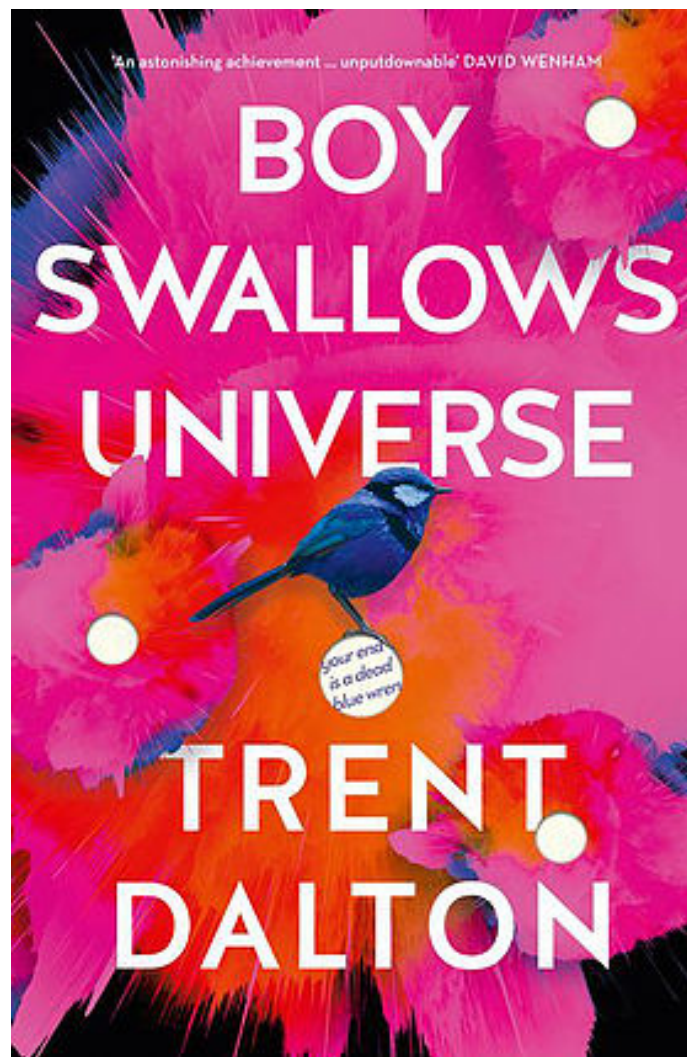
FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING | NOVEMBER 25

The following 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 parish luncheon in the Parish Centre after the service.

READING WITH SPIRITUAL EYES

You still have a few 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.



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Prayers for those in need

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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: Kathleen Donnelly, Col Ware, Joseph McTear, Kay Peoples, Eileen Challacombe

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	Remembrance Day 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Dean’s Forum: Intentional Discipleship 11.00am – Holy Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence)
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – Mothers Union Executive (Edwards Hall)
Tuesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 11.00am – Ministers Association Meeting 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Holy Eucharist (Cathedral) 4.00pm – Holy Communion (Dougherty Villa) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
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) 9.00am – Holy Communion (St Francis Villa) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	8.00am – Women’s Breakfast (St Matthew’s, South Grafton) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Next Sunday	Admission of Children to Holy Communion 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Holy Eucharist (Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst)

Next Sunday’s roster: Cathy Eggins & Jenny Vaughan (sidespeople), Alex Purvis (Reader 1), Katherine Lentfer (Reader 2 & Prayers), Rex & Nita Child (Morning Tea)



Please visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news, additional information, and the text of sermons as well as video recordings of many special moments in our life as a faith community.

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