



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



Season of Creation
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
with the blessing of the animals
29 September 2019

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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.

Setting Communion Service – E C Bairstow

Introit Benedicite - Plainsong

Opening Hymn Ye watchers and ye holy ones [TIS 150]

Prayer of the day Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted in a
wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals:
grant that, as your holy angels stand before you in heaven,
so at your command they may help
and defend us here on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silence [TIS 497]

Communion Anthems Panis Angelicus – Claudio Casciolini
The Call – Stuart Beer

Mission Hymn You holy angels bright [TIS 108]

Organ Postlude Lasst uns Erfreuen – Elizabeth Hill

BIBLE READINGS

First Reading

[Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14]

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 138

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R v. 1
David C. Isele

R In the sight of the an - gels I will
sing your prais - es, Lord.

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing your praises;
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,
for you have made your name and your word
supreme over all things.

(R/.)

3. At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.
4. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
5. And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.

(R/.)

6. For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
7. Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my
enemies, and your hand shall save me.
8. The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

(R/.)

Second Reading

[Revelation 12:7-12a]

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Gospel Reading

[John 1:45–51]

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward

him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

All creatures everywhere

In our worship today we consciously join with ‘angels and archangels’ above and with all earth creatures below to worship our Creator. In the psalm we call on all creatures to praise God with us. In the readings we discover how animals are part of the family of God in Eden, how animals are created with greater glory than that of Solomon and how they will join in praise around the throne of the Lamb. In our great thanksgiving prayer we join our worship with all the company of heaven.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to the Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton as our guest preacher at the Cathedral this morning. Archdeacon Wayne is the Rector of Holy Covenant Church in Canberra.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES to Amber Collins who leaves our Parish Family today to begin the next chapter of her young adult life at University. A former Choral Scholar, Amber has been singing in our choir for many years. We wish Amber all the very best and will miss her valuable contribution to the musical life of the Cathedral.

DEAN’S FORUM NEXT WEEK

October 6—*Faith-based responses to climate change* (The Revd Peter Moore)

Fr Peter Moore is an accredited climate change workshop facilitator and a member of ARRCC (*Australian Religious Response to Climate Change*). In this session, we will be updated on the latest data as well as practical ways for people of faith to respond to the crisis our planet is now facing.

AND NEXT MONTH...

November 3—*Introduction to the Year of Matthew* (The Dean)

At the beginning of December, we start a new liturgical year during which we focus especially on the way that the Gospel of Matthew interprets the meaning of Jesus. After a year of listening closely to Luke's take on Jesus, in the coming year we will be hearing how Matthew understands Jesus. This seminar will help us prepare to spend a year with Matthew as we explore the meaning of Jesus for us today.

AN EVENING OF OPERA CLASSICS

**Friday 4 October, 7.00pm
@ the Cathedral**

Following successful concerts in Maclean, Yamba and Singleton, Lower Clarence Valley Opera will perform in Grafton and Byron Bay over the first weekend of October this year.



Sydney and Brisbane Singers originally from Maclean NSW - Michelle Ryan, Troy Castle, Emma Short, Connor Willmore and Madeleine Short bring together a divine program of Opera favourites!

Classics include Toreador from Carmen, The Drinking Song from La Traviata as well as few Musical Theatre numbers.

The concert will be accompanied by Sr Anne Gallagher and Gwen Berman.

Tickets available from <https://www.trybooking.com/535428> or at the door from 6pm (under 16yrs free)

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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook
Candice
Sue Cotter
Kathryn Douglas
Roy Ford
Gail Gilmore
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley
Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Eileen Rogan
Val Rogers
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher
Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Frank Tucker, Aileen Lumley, Dorothy Eggins, Alan McFarlane

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	Michael and All Angels 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 9.00am – Ecumenical Service (All Saints, Lawrence) 10.30am – Blessing of the Animals (Cathedral) 11.00am – Morning Tea then Parish Forum (Parish Centre)
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Tuesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Thursday	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 12.00pm – Friends for Lunch (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall)
Friday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – An Evening of Opera Classics Concert (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Next Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Dean’s Forum (Edwards Hall)

Next Sunday’s roster: Shirley Graham and Kaye Ware (sidespeople), Reg Bultitude (Reader 1) Lyn Johnston (Reader 2 & Prayers), Bryce and Betty Gilbert (Morning Tea)



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