



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL • GRAFTON

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A Liturgy for

Australia Day



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
27 January 2019

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us tonight.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

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 House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



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www.graftoncathedral.org.au

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Milingimbi – Australian Aboriginal People of Arnhem Land, arr. R Eather

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn

Where wide sky rolls down (TIS 188)

**Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell
their joy in the One who made everything well.**

**Where rain-forest calm meets reef, tide and storm,
where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,
let every sea-creature and tropical bird
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.**

**Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.**

**Now people of faith, come gather around
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!
Australians, whatever your culture or race,
come, lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.**

Elizabeth J. Smith, 1956–

Call to Worship

Our land is alive with the glory of God

Desert sands hum and gum trees dance

Brown grasses sing

and mountains breathe their stillness.

All created things add their rhythm of delight

and even the stones rap out their praise.

Let our voices mingle with the song of the earth

May our hearts join the beat of her joy

For our triune God is with us:

Our creator surrounds and upholds us.

Christ Jesus walks beside and upholds us.

The Spirit moves within and between us.

Blessed be God, our wonder and our delight.

Jenny Tymms

The Priest greets the people.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession

Though Christ has called us into one body
the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken
by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore confess our brokenness, confident in God's power
and promise to make us whole.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word, and deed:
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:
Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis*.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

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, ...

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, ...

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, ...

The Collect of the Day

Bounteous God,
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,
a land of despair and hope,
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,
a land of fire, drought and flood.
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; ... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also ... the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

(Nehemiah 8:1-10 NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Psalm 19: 1-6

Response

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, with chords C, Am, and Em indicated above it. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with chords F, C, F/C, and C indicated above it. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The sky tells the glory of God,
tells the genius of God's work.

Day carries the news to day,
night brings the message to night, *Response*

without a word, without a sound,
without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world,
their news reaches its rim. *Response*

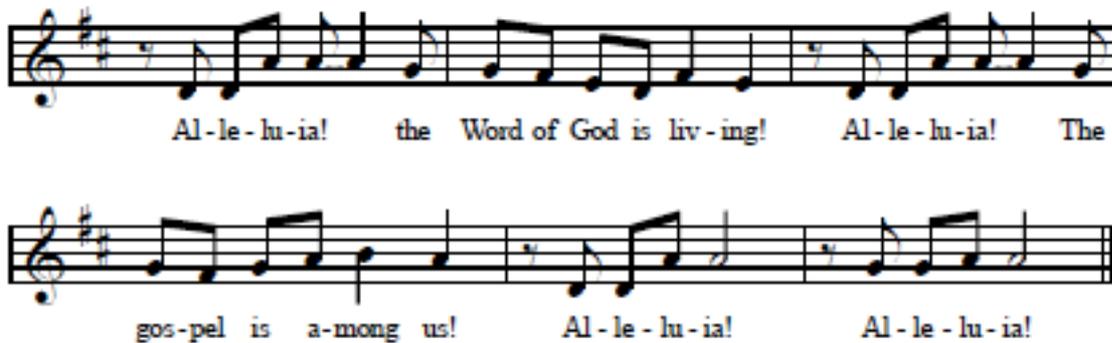
There God has pitched a tent
for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed,
an athlete eager to run a race. *Response*

It springs from the edge of the earth,
runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end.
Nothing on earth escapes its heat. *Response*

tr. Psalms for All Seasons (ICEL)

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel Reading.



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

(Luke 4:14-21 NRSV)

This is the gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the loving Creator,
Whose generous providence has been above all, beneath all
and in all the moments and days of this twenty first century,
and will be at work in all ages to come.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Whose saving grace finds, heals and reconciles millions of lost
sinners, including even us, and who calls us to the ministry of
reconciliation.**

**We believe in the Spirit of truth,
Whose tireless energy is at work through all the upheavals,
achievements, disappointments, joys and discoveries of this
era.**

**We believe in this wonderful God,
Who loves our land and its people and is weaving through the
tangled affairs of our nation, a purpose outreaching anything
we could imagine.**

**We believe that our belief is a precious gift
To be treasured, nurtured, shared and dared to the praise and
glory of God forever.**

Amen and Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Priest says.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

God, we thank you for this beautiful land.
Help us never to take your gifts for granted.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

We are so many and so varied in this land.
Help us to become a caring people.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peace and prosperity of Grafton,
for every city and community across our land,
and for all people of faith and goodwill,
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

So many parts of our world are hurting.
Show us how to bring justice and peace.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

From ancient times your spirit has been at work in this land.
Help us to become a nation of faithful people.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As we gather around the Table of Jesus
may his life flow through us and touch other people.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

As our schools go back after the holidays,
bless the teachers and students in the year ahead.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Many people in this land are hurting.
Give strength to those fighting fire and drought,
comfort those who have lost homes and farms.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Touch us all with your grace that we might be truly alive.
We pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

Many people have loved you before us.
Thank you for their example of faith and service.
Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**

We conclude our prayers as we say the 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

All stand.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Birds in the mountains [TIS671]

***Made in God's likeness, moved by the Spirit,
called to create a new world for the Lord,
called to create a new world for the Lord.***

**Birds in the mountains sing of your praises,
called in the morning to tell of your love;
bellbirds and whip-birds sing of creation,
celebrate always that Christ is the King.**

**Summoned at noon-tide, come now and follow,
joyfully marching wherever you lead;
roller bird stunt-men, king-fisher's laughter,
clowns of creation in the circus of God.**

**Called in the night-time to act in your drama,
to take on the Christ role, your script in our hearts;
masked owl and bower-bird teach us to study
the part we must play and the gifts we can share.**

**Called now at all times to wait on the Father,
follow his lead as he partners our dance;
brolga bird dances, retreats, and, returning,
bowing at last to his partner, the Lord.**

Patricia Lewis, 1938-

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.

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation
you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

In the vast desert and dense forest,
and in cities at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our land.
Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
and become one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.
Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other, and to your whole creation.
Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.
Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, singing,
**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 we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
"Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
"This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us.

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 THE 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.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God) is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your
peace.**

The Priest says

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 the Table of Jesus.

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

If you prefer to request a personal blessing rather than receive Holy Communion please simply cross your arms in front of you.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Anthems *Let the words of my mouth – Dulcie Holland (Australian composer)*
Fairest Lord Jesus – Martin How

After Communion there may be community notices.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Priest says the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have created all humanity
in your image and likeness,
and have revealed your plan and purpose
in calling us your friends and family.
As we have shared this holy meal,
inspire our hearts to see
every man, woman and child
given the dignity and value
which is your purpose and your gift.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Missional Hymn

Lord of earth and all creation [TIS672]

**Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.**

**People of the ancient dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.**

**Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will peace and power.**

Michael Rayner Thwaites (1915–) and Honor Mary Thwaites (1914–93)

The Priest says the Blessing.

The God of this ancient land,
who has given us a shared future as one family,
give you grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon may say

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Fanfare Australia – Robert Eather

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“A Creed for Now” by Bruce D Prewer in Jesus our Future (Open Book Publishers, 1998).

The preface for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer is adapted from the beautiful ‘Thanksgiving for Australia’ written by the Revd Lenore Parker from Yamba, and found in A Prayer Book for Australia, p. 218.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

MAJOR PARISH DATES FOR 2019

As you mark up your calendar for 2019, you may like to note the following parish dates ...

Dean’s Forum

During 2019 we shall only have a Dean’s Forum on the first Sunday of the month:

February 3 Intro to the Year of Luke (The Dean)

March 3 Mindfulness for Christians (John Shearer)

Other dates will be: April 7, May 5, June 7, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6 and November 3.

PARISH AGM

The AGM will be held after the 9.00am service on 24 February.

Can you please ensure that all reports for the Annual Report are sent to the Parish Office by **Friday 1st February** which will allow ample time for the Administrator to compile the report so that it is available in the Cathedral by the weekend of 16th February.

SPECIAL SERVICE

On Monday 11th February there will be a special service to commemorate the Dean's 40th Anniversary of Ordination. It will take place at 5pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Wednesday 10.00am services do not start until the 6th February.

Please note the first Wednesday Worshippers' Morning Tea for this year will take place on Wednesday 6th March

NEWSLETTER

If you haven't already received a copy of the Newsletter please take a copy with you today and take another one to give away to a friend or neighbour.

PARISH ROLL UPDATE

We are constantly updating our Parish Roll with the names and addresses of everyone who has had some connection with this Parish during their lives. If you change any details then please let the Parish Office know.

We are also noting emails and mobile numbers for ease of communication and making sure you are kept abreast of events as they are happening. If you would like us to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries then please give the details to the Parish Office.

All of this information will improve our sense of community and help build relationships.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

One of the major earners for the Op Shop is the production of jams, pickles and chutneys. The people who are involved in making them need supplies of sugar, and if you have them, surplus fruit or vegetables. If you are able to donate anything along these lines then please call into the shop during the week.

New Volunteers – The Op Shop is in need of new people who are able to devote some time to volunteering in the shop. Please come and visit the Parish Office if you, or you know of anyone else who has expressed interest in volunteering. It can be a really rewarding experience. The Op shop is an extremely important part of our Community and provides a wonderful service of outreach.



READING WITH SPIRITUAL EYES (CATHEDRAL BOOKCLUB)

Our book for this school term has arrived. *Shell* is a new novel by Kristina Olsson. In this big, bold and hauntingly beautiful portrait of art and life, *Shell* captures a world on the brink of seismic change through the eyes of two unforgettable characters caught in the eye of the storm as Australia moves from the comfort zone of the 1950s into the new world of the 1960s. It reminds us why taking a side matters.

The book is now available from the Cathedral Bookshop, who are now open for the New Year from 9.30am to 4.30pm from Tuesday to Friday. Please feel tempted to come and join in.

The book club will meet in the Cathedral Bookshop to discuss this book on Tuesday, April 2 at 6.00pm.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP

Please call into the bookshop during the week, Tuesday to Friday, and check on the large range of items on offer. Apart from purchasing a copy of “Shell” there are many books available to suit all tastes. There is a large selection of cards for purchase throughout the year and the 2019 Calendars are on sale at the moment. There are also CD’s, DVD’s, jewellery and other trinkets together with a range of items sold on behalf of the Mother’s Union. Purchasing through the bookshop also helps the Parish finances. New volunteers are also needed here as well.

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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook
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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: Kevin McLennan

Year's Mind: Edna Hastings, Shirley Harris

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** **Third Sunday after Epiphany –
A Celebration for Australia Day**
9.00am – Choral Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral)
to be followed by a Bring & Share Morning Tea
- 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 – Funeral (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)
5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
7.00pm – Choir Practice (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)
- Next Sunday** **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
9.00am – Choral Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral)
11.00am – Dean’s Forum (Edwards Hall)

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



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