



A Place that Matters as the Spiritual Heart of Diocese and City

Christmas at the Cathedral

Kia ora Cathedral Whānau,
We have come to our final *Cathedral News* of the year as we enter the season of Advent – our time of preparation as we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. This is an exciting time for the Cathedral as the Christmas Tree Festival begins and we welcome people from all around the world into our Cathedral.

For Lee-ann and I, celebrations have started early this year with our son's wedding and on Nov 20th, my Father's 95th birthday. It is great to join with family for these special moments, and I hope that over the coming months you can spend special time with your wider family.

We have some great special services coming up with the light up service for the Christmas Tree Festival (Wednesday Nov

27, 6pm), and our Advent Carols (Sunday Dec 1, 5.30pm) and Nine-Lesson and Carols (Sunday Dec 22, 7pm).

We also have our fundraising Christmas Concert along with the Nelson City Brass Band, and mid-week concerts as part of the Christmas Tree Festival – so there is a lot on offer at Nelson Cathedral to invite friends and family too.

The Christmas Tree Festival in particular, is a very special event for our Cathedral and City, and I hope that over the coming weeks many people will come in and visit, marvel at the trees and give thanks for all the community groups and organisations that make Nelson such a special place. But most of all that people will recapture the sense of what Christmas is all about.

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The Very Revd Dr Graham O'Brien
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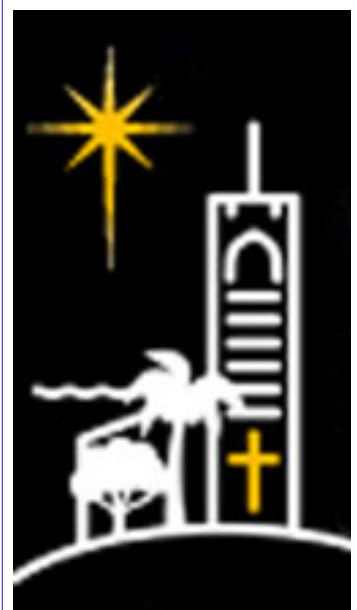
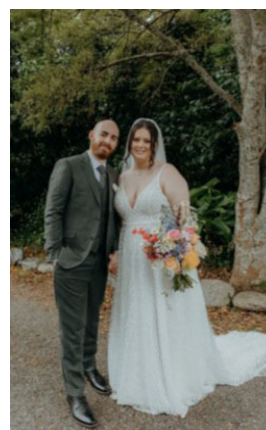
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If you have space to volunteer for a couple of hours on the "Welcome Desk", please let the office know.

A big thank you to the volunteers - and performers who help make the festival possible, but especially the Christmas Tree Festival Team of Joc Smith, Chris and Judith Fitchett, Erin Beatson, David Lucas and newcomers Janet Brown and John Collyns, and Michael Levy and Kate Mann, who have been working since June to get this event up and running.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank the staff team who have worked so hard throughout this year and also the large number of volunteers who fill so many roles in the life of the Cathedral: Our assistant/retired clergy, pastoral care team, flower guild, all those on the Sunday rosters, Vestry, bellringers, those looking after the candles, Rev Russell Smith and his editing of the Cathedral News....the list goes on. Thank you everyone for all you do to make the Cathedral the spiritual heart of our Diocese and City.

As we journey towards Christmas and the New Year, may we remember and be thankful for all that God has done for us – symbolized for us by the Advent Wreath: The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, who is eternity and endless mercy; the green speaks of the hope we have in God, of renewal, newness and eternal life; the candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus. We also remember in prayer all those in the world who do not live with the peace and security we enjoy.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you at our wonderful services and events.

God Bless

Graham

Emmaus Explore

For the 4 weeks in December I am starting a new Bible Study group using the Bible-Explore method.

This is a simple method designed for those new to Christianity and the Bible.

We will be meeting on Saturdays
Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21
 between 4-5pm
 for anyone wanting to come along.



An opportunity for an end of year catch-up chat, sing-along and afternoon tea. Bring a friend.

Friday 13 December

2:00 - 3:30pm



Nelson Cathedral Hapori Hub



Attention all Hapori Customers!

The Hapori programme will take a break from Monday 23 December 2024 to Sunday 5 January 2025. There will be no orders and no deliveries over those 2 weeks. Orders only will resume the week of 6 January. The first delivery day of 2025 is Thursday 16 January.

REMINDER: The last delivery is Wed 18 Dec and Thurs 19 Dec. The last order week is 9 through 15 Dec.

-From Your Hapori Team



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CathedralKids

Gayle McVay



Summing up, so far:

This year's CathedralKids we have kept the children engaged in activities which run alongside the sermon each Sunday. I'm hoping that from what the children take home, families can have conversations around the theme of that Sunday, referring to the Bible to expand their understanding.

The kids are absolutely delightful to teach, quick to learn and eager to play games around the biblical theme.

More helpers needed:

Two new helpers have joined the Kids 'helper roster' which is amazing. Thank you. If we can have **more helpers**, I would be very grateful. Just let me or Jocelyn know if you are interested.

More families too please:

Please remember to ask families with children to come to the 10.00am Cathedral service.

The more children who attend, the more fun it is for everyone.

Best wishes

Gayle McVay

Come & have fun!

CATHEDRAL Kids

During term time our 10am Sunday service offers the biblically themed CATHEDRAL Kids

Based on the Anglican Bible Reading Cycle we learn about the world around us and how God wants us to behave

Activities and discussion relate to the theme of the Sunday Service

Age 5ish & up

A special service for

CATHEDRAL Kids of all ages

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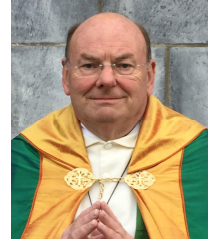
YOUR CATHEDRAL NELSON
The Heart of the City at Christmas

Monday 23 December
5:30pm

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Armistice Day

Revd Steve Jordan



As we mark the Armistice that largely (but not wholly) ended the slaughter of WW1, our minds inevitably and indubitably turn to that dreadful subject, the casualties of war. At the Cathedral, we remember ALL casualties at this time, not just those who died in battle.

In the transept, we have the colours from the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast Regiment, the ensigns from *HMS Colne and Chelmer* and the battle ensign from *HMS Queen*. We also have a corner dedicated to the RNZAF at the 'West' end. These might all be poignant reminders of the cost of warfare on humankind.

Recently, a visitor complimented us on the Cathedral but asked pointedly why the 'big flag' had been allowed to get so dirty, and wondered why we didn't have it cleaned and restored. The question was clearly very well intentioned. The visitor had assumed that the ensigns from *Chelmer and Colne*, being under glass, were well protected, but that the great battle ensign from *Queen* had been allowed to deteriorate since being laid up.

I explained that the black staining on the ensign was from cordite. The ensign had been flown from the masthead during the Gallipoli landings, when *Queen*, a superannated battleship fired salvo after salvo to provide cover for the landing soldiers. Instead of being the result of neglect, the black staining on the ensign was evidence of its authenticity. It remains in the transept as a symbol of remembrance for those who fell at that dreadful time.

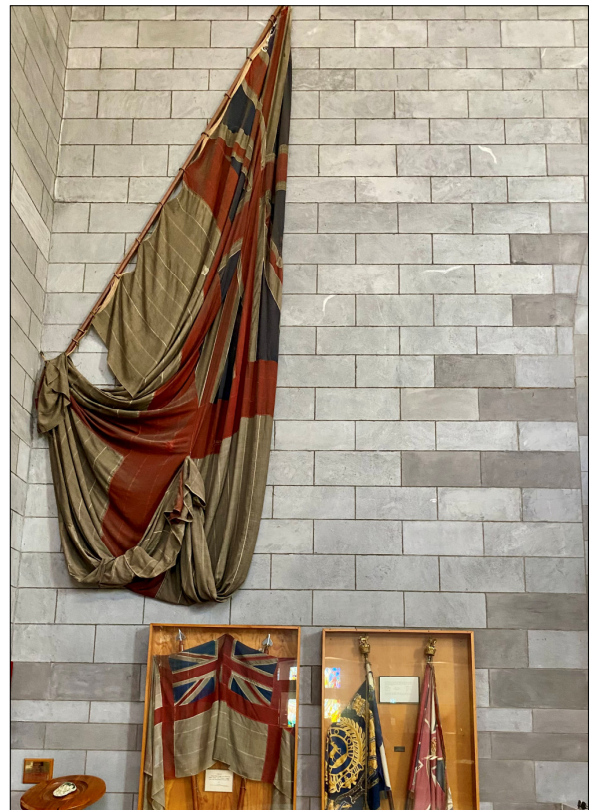
Occasionally, I sit in the transept and look at that ensign. I conjure in my mind the barely imaginable deafening, disorienting thunder of the guns*, I imagine the air thick with cordite fumes, black and stinking, sufficient to stain the white ensign permanently. I imagine the thoughts and fears of those infants ferried to the shore in small boats while the 12" shells are flying over them, and suddenly the enormity of warfare becomes real. It's bad enough in my imagination: the reality is probably beyond all human imagination.

I'm not a pacifist, but my fervent hope is that the silent tokens and totems of warfare help us to remember the human cost of war. It's not just about nations' leaders saving face, it's about human lives.

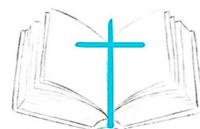
We will remember them.

Blessings,

Steve



Cathedral Little Library



The Book Nook

Please donate to our Book Nook!
Recycle your pre-loved books to share with others.
Christian or non-Christian books are all welcome.





Young Iron Duke Sea Scouts visited Christ Church Cathedral on the evening on 12 November. Shhhhh, don't tell +Steve they stole his seat !..



Brass music and choral harmonies celebrating Christmas

Nelson Cathedral & Choir



Christmas at the Cathedral

7pm Saturday 7 December
3pm Sunday 8 December



tickets
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A Celebration of the Seas

On 20 October we celebrated Nelson's relationship with the seas with a very well attended service. Here, ensigns and colours are being received in the sanctuary, watched by MP Rachel Boyack and Scott, the outgoing Chief Executive of Port Nelson, Hugh Morrison, and Commander Alex Haughey, RNZN.



This annual service always sees the youth organisations, Iron Duke Sea Scouts and the Sea Cadets present in significant numbers. They formed a guard of honour and read two of the lessons for the

In Memory Of Parishioner Beatrice Clover

Beatrice passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, aged 95 years.

She will be fondly missed by many at the Cathedral. A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Beatrice was held in the Cathedral on Thursday, November 21. The following is a eulogy given by her friend, Keitha King, at that service.

Firstly, thank you to Beatrice's family for inviting me to speak on behalf of her many friends. I feel very privileged but also humbled as I realise how much she meant to so many people.

Beatrice was an incredible person with a great sense of humour and an ability to express herself clearly. When she arrived in N.Z. she quickly made friends at the Cathedral and ended up sharing a pew with Liz Roberts, another recent U.K. immigrant. They had many mutual interests including a love for a meal of fish and chips. and a shared sense of humour. They often used to go to the Smokehouse in Mapua for a fish and chip lunch which they did to celebrate Beatrice's 91st birthday. They would also travel to Blenheim and go on the Pelorus Mail Boat run to Kenepuru Sounds.

Shortly after arriving at the Cathedral, Beatrice became very involved in the Cathedral Care Team. She took a particular interest in the welfare of those attending the midweek Wednesday service. Beatrice remained an active participant of this group right up until a few months ago. As long as she was able, Beatrice was a faithful attendee of the AAW (Association of Anglican Women), the Meditation Group, the Exercise Group, the Walking Group, Cameo, and the Craft Group. Here she spent week after week threading ribbons through the tags for the Memory Trees. She was also anxious to be part of the Light Nelson Festival and was very proactive, arranging for a wonderful tall candelabra to be picked up from her daughter Vicky.

Her home in South Street always had a pile of books open, particularly meditation books and her Bible. She loved her garden although she was pleased when the Camelia tree was taken away as the dropping flowers were so untidy.

The view of the Cathedral from her garden was a real comfort to her. She especially loved seeing the flag flying on the Tower. She took great pleasure one year in purchasing a new flag when its predecessor was looking decidedly tatty.

If nothing else was happening, she could often be seen out on her regular and long walks or taking a quiet breather by the Church steps. A few months ago, she was seen on an outing, complete with warm jacket, knee rug, cycle helmet and goggles being peddled past Founders in the Wood Rickshaw. Beatrice liked Pooh Bear stories and she used to read them to herself and lately Sean would read them to her. She was disappointed, when after her accident, she was no longer able to prepare her own meals but very pleased when my ex-chef son would make her special vegetarian meals.



The number of people who visited her both at her home and later in The Wood is a tribute to the love and affection in which she was held.

Beatrice was a loving, kind and patient woman who truly lived her Faith. We will all miss this lovely, gentle person.

Rest in Peace Beatrice.

Cathedral Choir

Over Labour weekend we had the opportunity to join the **New Zealand Anglican Cathedrals Choir Festival**. Choirs from eight cathedrals around the country gathered together with over 150 voices.

We started the trip together with a fun ride over to Picton, kindly delivered by John Foyslamb. We were lucky enough to avoid the stormy weather and managed to get across safely on the ferry. We had a heap of fun playing card games on board and having a lots of laughs. We are pretty sure we were all the loudest group there!

After our arrival we found our accommodation and enjoyed a group dinner out together. The next day saw registration and had a practice for the concert Saturday night. Later in the afternoon the combined choirs got together for a practice and the sound we made was pretty amazing!

The concert went really well and the standard of music was high. The music we learnt was challenging but we enjoyed it and it was very inspiring to be a part of.

On the Sunday we joined together again for the both the morning and evening services. Overall the weekend was so enjoyable and we are very grateful to have been invited. Thank you so much to Christ Church Cathedral Nelson for allowing us to participate and we hope there will be more in the future!

Emma and Jody

Christmas Tree Festival Lunchtime Concerts

	2-6 December 2024	9-13 December 2024	16-17 December 2024
Monday	2 Nelson Bays Harmony Chorus	9 Colleen Rae-Gerrard & Friends	16 Nelson Youth Choir led by Zoe Dee
Tuesday	3 Even Readings Sally, Gaelynne, Hannah, Georgie & Janice	10 Haven Community Choir	17 Taamen & Amen Lee Cathedral Organ Students
Wednesday	4 Tasmonics Harmony Chorus	11 Te Mana Hā	
Thursday	5 Musical Theatre with local performers	12 Cara & Eva Violin duo & more	
Friday	6 Sonatas Ben Ayre, Juliet Ayre, Kate Sherwood & Mary Ayre	13 The Nile St Project (extended edition) Dan Callahan, Clare Monti & friends	



GRE SERVICES

Lighting up the Nelson Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival for over 16 years!



Nelson Cathedral Christian Meditation Group



Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 pm
in the Chapel

Come and join us and learn more about this ancient spiritual practice.

Mary Kroch 027 372 1173 Erin Beatson 027 680 6355

ALL WELCOME

Emmaus Study Group

Wednesdays
at 12.00 until 1.00pm
In the Choir Room

The Emmaus study is now studying John's Gospel

The format will be the reading of the Biblical text, a short exegesis followed by discussion.

The last for 2024 will be on 18 December

Resumes Wednesday 15 January 2025

All are welcome

CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP



What are you doing on Tuesday morning?

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David Lucas

Warden's Wardrobe

Welcome



Jocelyn Smith

As the days get warmer, the tourist traffic in the Cathedral ramps up. The Christmas Tree Festival is a big drawcard for some. Others are surprised to find our beautiful Cathedral full of trees – pleasantly surprised, I think.

One of the things that really adds to their experience is being welcomed at the door. During the Festival we formalise this, by having a roster of two-hour slots. I know I'm not the only one who finds this service really rewarding.

Visitors want to know about our building, about who decorates all the trees, about Nelson and about Christianity.

The *Welcomers* are also pivotal in passing out the voting slips, which also gives us information about how many people are visiting and where our visitors are coming from.

Our Cathedral is a particularly interesting place to visit. Of course, it always is, but when the Christmas Tree Festival is running, there are the trees to look at, the task of choosing a favourite to vote for, the candle stand and prayer board to participate in and the chapel for quiet contemplation.

Festival Welcoming is just another facet of our Christian outreach and another way to show our love for our neighbours. I am so proud of the way we are all working at this, especially at our services on Sunday mornings. As People's Warden I thank those of you who step out of their comfort zone to speak to someone new at morning tea. There's little quite as un-nerving as being a visitor or newcomer and coming to morning tea, just to be left exposed, standing alone with a cup of tea in your hand. Lately I've seen some lovely connections between newcomers too.

A sure-fire way to feel like you belong, is to volunteer to help with something. We have a myriad of opportunities for this. We always need more people to help with morning tea, there are craft groups, walking groups, study groups and more. Just speak to me or ask the Dean to direct you to someone who can help. And that brings me back around to my starting point. The sign-up sheet for Christmas Festival Welcomers is out on the bookstall waiting for the slots to be filled!

Jocelyn Smith

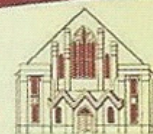
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The Heart of the City at Christmas

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Open daily until 12 Jan 2025

Fridays 13 & 20 Dec open until 9:30pm

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Weekdays 1-1:30pm

Mon 2 Dec – Tues 17 Dec



YOUR
CATHEDRAL
NELSON 2024/25

Wednesday 27 November

6pm Christmas Tree Festival
Light Up Service

Sunday 1 December

5:30pm Advent Carol Service

Saturday 7 December

*7pm *Christmas at the Cathedral*
Concert with Cathedral
Choir & Nelson City Brass

Sunday 8 December

*3pm *Christmas at the Cathedral*
Concert with Cathedral
Choir & Nelson City Brass

Sunday 22 December

7pm Festival of Nine
Lessons & Carols

Monday 23 December

5:30pm Kid's Christingle Service

Christmas Eve 24 December

8:45pm Carols on the Steps
10:15pm *Choir sings Carols from Gallery*
11:00pm Christmas Eve Communion

Christmas Day 25 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Choral Communion

Sunday 29 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion

Sunday 5 January

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion
5:30pm Evening Prayer with Hymns

Sunday 12 January

8am Holy Communion
10am Family Communion &
Christmas Tree
Switch-off Service
5:30pm Evening Prayer with Hymns

* Paid admission

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CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Wednesday • Holy Communion 11am

Worship at Nelson Cathedral is varied and frequent with 4 different services on Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Choral Eucharist & Children's Church (Robed Choir and Livestreamed)
12.30 pm	Whakatu Māori Mission Service
5.30 pm	Evensong (Robed Choir and Livestreamed)



Open 8:30am-7pm

28 November 2024

12 January 2025

NELSON CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

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★ Free weekday lunchtime concerts in December
★ Late night Fridays (13 & 20 Dec until 9:30pm)

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The Cathedral 10am service and the 5.30pm service are available for live viewing

 livestream

The services (and some other events) are recorded so are available to be viewed at any time, not only during the actual time when the service is in session.

<https://www.youtube.com/@NelsonCathedral/streams>