



NELSON CATHEDRAL: LIVELY, FUNCTIONING, & GOD HONOURING

What it means to be Anglican

Kia Ora Cathedral Whānau

It is a real privilege to be writing my first piece for the *Cathedral News* as your new Dean. Thank you to all who were able to join the induction/installation service in person or via live stream, and special thanks to those who helped with the service together. Lee-ann and I certainly feel warmly welcomed and I am excited about where God will lead us together as we live out our faith to the glory of God.

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Another highlight over the past month was the hundreds if not thousands coming through the Nelson Cathedral doors as part of the *Te*

Ramaroa, The Festival of Light. A huge “**Thank you**” to Joc Smith and the team of helpers who put in a huge effort to make the Cathedral a shining light in the celebration.

I would also like to thank Rev Allen Michel and Rev Murray Campbell for their long service in the life of the Cathedral as they step back from regular commitments and enjoy “retirement”.

One of my final tasks for the Diocese as ministry educator was to prepare some video talks on what it means to be Anglican. This was a timely exercise as I begin as Dean and seek to enable the Cathedral to live out being Anglican in its fullest. In this and subsequent editions of the *Cathedral News*, I would like to highlight some key points of what it means to be “simply Anglican”.

Today I would like to unpack the first of the 4 central beliefs of the Anglican Church, that is Scripture Alone – *Sola Scriptura*. It may come as no surprise, but Holy Scripture is at the heart of what it means to be Anglican, it infuses Anglican worship, Anglican Rhythms, Anglican Thinking (Theology) and Anglican lives. So, what do we mean by saying “Scripture alone” is a defining principle of what it means to be Anglican?

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John Laing



Learning
Equipping
Appreciating God
Praising God



L.E.A.P. Nelson Cathedral's Children's Church

You may recall in month's *Cathedral News* I mentioned I would be running a Children's Holiday programme at the Richmond Church of Christ from 19 to 23 July, 9.30 am till midday. I also mentioned I would be taking with me junior leaders from our *LEAP Kids' Church* to help (this being the first time any had been on an itinerant team working outside the Cathedral).

Wendy Kissell (All Saints), Judy Hollis (Victory Church), and John and Shirley Jones (Grace Church) helped with registration, crafts, and some story telling. We also had two staff members from RCC to keep the children-to-adults safety ratio requirements valid. Some of our own Kids' Church families travelled the extra distance to attend the programme, as well. It was a fantastic week with 15 children in attendance and no issues with regards to accidents or behaviour.

On the final day our teaching time focused on the work of the Holy Spirit. We presented the content with object lessons, video clips and Bible stories. When it was explained to the children that God sent the Holy Spirit to help us live like Jesus and to help us become like Him, one boy put his hand up and asked, "How do I get the Holy Spirit to help me?" After this was explained to him he asked if he could pray and invite Christ to forgive him and come into his life ...just as Christ had done so many years ago at Pentecost. How exciting it was when other children responded in a similar way expressing their desire to receive the Holy Spirit.

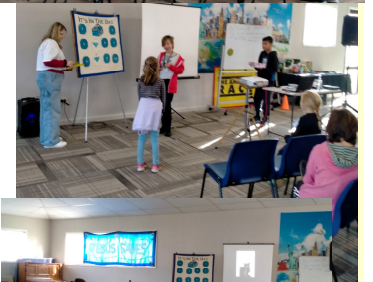
I am always careful not to woo the children or manipulate them at these programmes. My goal is to educate. Sometimes God's Spirit "ambushes" proceedings and on this occasion I found myself leading six children in a prayer of repentance and invitation. At the conclusion of the week the pastor surprised each junior leader by giving them a Warehouse voucher. The adults each received a grocery voucher.

How about that then: children blessed by attending the programme and hearing God's word; leaders blessed and encouraged as God used them in a new environment; and unity between the four different denominations triumphed because of the unifying message of the Gospel.

Blessings,

John Laing

Children's Ministry Worker



**Foundation
Day Lunch**
Sunday
8th August

We will have our annual parish lunch next Sunday after the 10am service, and will sit down to eat at 12 (for those joining from the other services). The cost is \$10 per person, with funds raised this year going to support Get One/Give One, an initiative from Anglican Missions supplying Covid-19 vaccinations in countries that cannot afford to vaccinate their people (each vaccine is \$10). Please advise Nicky or Janet if you have any specific dietary requirements.

Parish Nurse



Greetings Cathedralites,

Matariki Hot soup and savouries was our July theme for CAMEO. Thank you to Julie Saraswati for the music, Sophie who added sparkle on the tables and Rosemary B. who so ably decorates the tables every month with a little cheer from her garden. Thank you to our savoury makers Judith G. Veronica and Ruby and kitchen helpers Joc and Veronica. Getting soup and savouries hot to the table is more of a challenge than a high tea. Our CAMEO gathering for August will be a warm welcome to our new Dean Graham O'Brien. Do join us for fellowship, a prayer, a song and afternoon tea. Bring a friend.

July winter weather was a challenge with cold and rain but it's always a good time to be reminded to eat less and move more. At the beginning of the school holidays Te Ramaroa, Light Up Nelson, was a wonderful activity to wrap up well and get out and about. The Cathedral signed up to take part in the spectacle and we had so many people through the cathedral, many for the first time, admiring the sense of drama with 120 candles lighting the interior and organ music in the background. Thanks to the many Parishioners who braved the cold to welcome our visitors and keep them safe.

It's great for our health to discover an activity we enjoy and that suits our level of fitness. The Cathedral has a Walking Group on Tuesdays at 9am and Exercise Group on Wednesdays at 11am, that should tick the box. We are always happy to include new members. Together with healthy eating, doing all we can to move more can lower our risk of heart disease, stroke, depression and some cancers and help us to have a healthy bodyweight.

You could be in training for the 'SUNRISE WALK FOR WELLBEING' at 9am on Sunday 26 September 2021 at Saxton Field. It will be a 5km loop around the Saxton Field pathways and finish with morning tea. The event is free but a donation is appreciated to **Yellow Brick Road Nelson**, an organisation that provides mental health support for families and whānau. For more information and national and local Helplines see the Cathedral Parish Nurse notice board.



Craft Group



Inspired recycling

And if you do need to rest after all your activity - the Craft group could tick that box. We are preparing to decorate the Cathedral Christmas Tree on November 22. Inspiration and decorations are well in progress but if you have a stash of trims or fabrics or old Christmas baubles/cards that can be recycled with Ros's imagination or Pam's glue gun, do bring them as we continue to meet every Wednesday afternoon 2pm-4pm. We welcome new participants. Bring a friend.

Your faith will help me and my faith will help you Romans 1:12 NCV

Blessings from Parish Nurse Judith



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Judith Fitchett**

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CAMEO



**Friday 6th
August**

then

**Friday 3rd
September**

2.30 pm – 3.45 pm.
**Come and bring a
friend**

Everyone welcome

What it means to be an Anglican - from Page 1

First **Scripture is the Word of God**, meaning that Scripture is God's self-disclosure to us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Scripture reveals God's identity, glory, love, and plan for redemption – God's plan for making us right with God. There is a uniqueness of Scripture in that it reveals the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as God with us, and how faith in Jesus saves us. Scripture contains all things necessary for our salvation. There is also a unity of Scripture as we have received it - found in the Old and New Testaments – it is complete, so much so that we cannot add too, or take away from it.

The second point is that **Scripture is Sufficient**. As I said just before, Scripture explains all matters central to salvation – to issues of faith and morals -our being made right with God. At the heart of this Scripture points to Jesus - the word made flesh – and how we are to have faith in Him. But Scripture is not meant to be comprehensive, to tell us about absolutely everything, it is not an encyclopaedia. So we are also supposed to use our God given tools to discover God's will through reflection, philosophy, science etc.

It might be useful to think about a couple of images. The first is a three-legged stool which is a traditional image of how Scripture, Tradition and Reason work together. Today people often add Experience as a 4th leg. The problem is that this image gives you the impression that all are equal in status. But it is important to remember that Scripture takes priority. A better image however is that Scripture is a garden, and tradition, reason and experience are the tools to use in the garden to tend, unlock the goodness, and bring forth fruit. The point is that Scripture is the most important authority for the Church.

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The third point is that **Scripture is powerful**. With the Bible we need to remember that Scripture is both living and powerful. When Scripture is read or heard, studied, and embraced, it has the power through the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds, and transform people. As God's people are transformed by God's Word, we are then God's hands and feet in the world to bring about the transformation of society.

Fourth, **Scripture is Satisfying**. Scripture is the food and drink we need to be spiritually nourished; it is the steady diet we need to be spiritually healthy. We need a daily intake of Scripture for survival just like we need regular meals of food.

The last point is that **Scripture is Authoritative**. In particular Scripture has authority over the Church, it is the Church's rule of life and guide. Returning to the garden analogy, all other authority for the Church depends on faithfulness to Scripture – our Creeds and our Articles of Faith all have as their foundation God's word to us in Scripture.

God Bless

Graham

New Office Administrator

Hello, my name is Rebekah Spink.

I moved to Nelson from the dreaded city of Auckland in 2018.

I live with my sister and my mother in Nelson City, but previously we lived in Stoke.

The best thing about Nelson is how truly friendly everyone is, and the warm weather of course.

I am now the office administrator for the Cathedral but I used to live and work in Japan as an Assistant English teacher. I enjoy working in the office and drinking tea.

I have adopted a grey tabby kitten from the SPCA. His name is Henry Pawson.

I hope to see you at the Cathedral one day!





ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN AAW CATHEDRAL BRANCH

Instead of a formal meeting in July, our members visited the Suter Gallery in Nelson to view the latest exhibitions on display. Abstract Art (Chroma) and light based inspirational works (Light Dwells) were viewed along with a light display brought alive in a darkened room. The gallery gift shop is always an interesting place to wander through and admire the work of local Artisans. A chat with a cup of tea or coffee was enjoyed in the very popular cafe.

Next month we are hosting an Area Day at the Cathedral. The Nelson/Waimea groups have been invited to join us from **10.30 am on TUESDAY 17th AUGUST**. Our new Dean Graham O'Brien will be celebrating Communion with us and our guest speaker is Lesley Bandy, a parishioner and former ballet dancer with the Royal Ballet. A lunch of soup and rolls will be provided but a small plate for morning/afternoon tea would be appreciated from those attending. Please come and join us.

The trading table held the first Sunday in July was very successful raising \$300 for the purchase of cleaning materials for the KOHA SHED. These were very gratefully received and I'm sure will be put to good use by the recipients. Warm clothing and bedding are particularly required at present by the organisation.

I think it is appropriate at this time to tell you that after serving for three years as leader, I will not be seeking re-election at our AGM in November. It is time for someone else to take the reins. Please think about this position and do come and speak to me if more information is needed.

Angela Shaw (Leader)



Te Ramaroa (Light Nelson Festival)

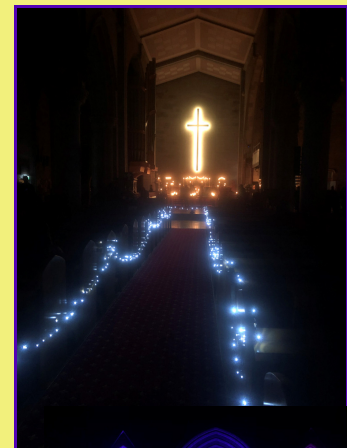
Wow, just wow. When the NCC representative met with us to explain that many of the Light Nelson installations were going to be on church hill this year, we had no idea how many people that would bring to the Cathedral. I counted around 2500 per hour for most of the time – an event that ran for 4 hours each night for 5 nights. Just do the maths – most of Nelson came through the Cathedral last week. Those of us on hand repeatedly heard people commenting that they had never been in the building before and it was fun pointing out the organist to those who assumed the organ pipes to be decorative.

We set most of the candles in the sanctuary and windowsills, using over 100 candles each night and then the votive candle station as well. Our building is already special and by candlelight it was enchanting. Many people took the opportunity to sit a while, as refuge from the bustle and chill of the outside. NCC lit up the outside of our Cathedral – a very fetching purple for the first 4 days and then a stunning red for the last night. Simple, but so effective. Our building is already outstanding, so it takes very little to make it stunning.

It was an amazing opportunity to get the general public into our space. I am grateful to those who loaned candlesticks, particularly St Mary's Catholic Parish and Eclectic Antique Store. Chris Jennings organised all the windowsill candles for me and I had a very faithful band of helpers, who kept the public flowing in the right direction and kept them safe, snatching children back from diving under the altar rail and rearranging the candle stand so that nobody burned themselves placing their votive candles.

The team really shot into action on the Sunday, when we had just 10 minutes from the time the Installation of our new Dean ended, before the general public flowed through the door. Everyone pulled together and we did it!

The Festival was such a success that it seems certain that it will happen again in two years' time and when it comes, we will be ready, but hopefully, without so much else going on in the Cathedral as well.





WHAT'S ON

Tuesdays

Walking group meet at the Cathedral at 9am every Tuesday for a 1 hour walk. Morning tea at the Cathedral afterwards.

Wednesdays

Exercises - 11am
The Flax group is presently in recess.
Craft Group - 2pm - 3.30pm Quiet Room

Meditation Group

Meets in the Chapel

Every Tuesday

4.30 pm until 5.30 pm

All are welcome

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CAMEO at the CATHEDRAL

Come and meet each other

An opportunity to come to the Cathedral for a chat
 A sing-a-long, afternoon tea and a prayer.

FRIDAY 6th August 2021
 From 2.30pm – 3.45pm

Join us for a warm welcome
 to Dean Graham

Everyone welcome
 Koha/donation opportunity

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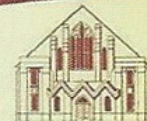
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 and a
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Warden's Wardrobe



It has been a month of considerable activity at the Cathedral. Following the farewell for Dean Mike we were immediately into arrangements for Dean Graham's installation.

Thank you to all who supported those important events in our Cathedral life.

At the same time we had the *Te Ramaroa Light Festival*. In the few days of the Festival we had literally thousands of visitors come through. For many it would have been the first time they would have been inside the building. The lighted cross with the fully lit candle stands created a wonderful atmosphere and sense of a sacred place.

I have been reminded of this in a book I have read recently; "Sensing God, Experiencing the Divine in Nature, Food, Music & Beauty" by Joel Clarkson. After acknowledging the importance of worship Clarkson reminds us to see the glory of God woven into the world and we have been given eyes to see it, ears to hear it and hands to touch it. The goodness of God is waiting to be tasted and seen in everything around us.

As a place that matters Nelson Cathedral is a focus for Christian worship and practice.

Our new Dean Graham is keenly aware of that focus for our Parish and the City.

The Dean has moved into his new office on the second floor of the tower, Rebekah our new Parish Office Administrator is in a refurbished office adjacent, the previous Dean's Office.

We continue to be grateful for the many volunteers, who carry out the work that is necessary to enable our Cathedral to be what it is.

We are particularly grateful for the work David Lucas has done in setting up an audio-visual screen which allows visitors to see us in worship as well as experiencing the building. Please enjoy.

Rugs are now available at services if required, just ask the sidesperson.

Thank you for your financial support. Chris Fitchett our Treasurer is always available to discuss Cathedral financial matters. The reality is a Cathedral is expensive to run and we do need your support. We are presently carrying out overdue maintenance at the Deanery but that is coming from Trust funds for the purpose, not out of general Parish income.

We acknowledge our live streaming congregation.

Best wishes to you all,

Graham Allan
Dean's Warden

Jocelyn Smith
People's Warden

Installation of our new Dean



The Revd. Dr Graham O'Brien was installed as Nelson Cathedral Dean and Vicar on Sunday 11 July .

The Sermon was by Bishop of Christchurch, the Right Revd Dr Peter Carrell.

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If you have a contribution or perhaps an idea for an article please contact the Editor (russell77@xtra.co.nz) or the Dean (grahamob@nelsoncathedral.org).

Deadline for next issue:
24th August 2021

SERVICES IN AUGUST

Weekday services are held daily in the Chapel at 12.15pm except Wednesday 10am and Saturday 8am.

Sunday August 1

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Choral Eucharist *(with Children's Church)*
12.30 pm Whakatu Maori Mission Community Service
5 30 pm Choral Evensong
7.00pm Word and Worship
Informal, charismatic style worship

Sunday August 8 FOUNDATION DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Choral Eucharist *(with Children's Church)*
12.00 noon **PARISH FOUNDATION DAY LUNCH**
12.30 pm Whakatu Maori Mission Community Service
5 30 pm Choral Evensong
7.00pm Word and Worship
Informal, charismatic style worship

Sunday August 15

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Choral Eucharist *(with Children's Church)*
12.30 pm Whakatu Maori Mission Community Service
5 30 pm Choral Evensong
7.00pm Word and Worship
Informal, charismatic style worship

Sunday August 22

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Choral Eucharist *(with Children's Church)*
12.30 pm Whakatu Maori Mission Community Service
5 30 pm Choral Evensong
7.00pm Word and Worship
Informal, charismatic style worship

Sunday August 29

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Choral Eucharist *(with Children's Church)*
12.30 pm Whakatu Maori Mission Community Service
5 30 pm Choral Evensong
7.00pm Word and Worship
Informal, charismatic style worship

Word and Worship Service

Sunday at 7pm

Informal worship, teaching, and opportunity for prayer ministry

BI-MONTHLY SERVICES AT BISHOPDALE CHAPEL

1st Thursday of the month at 11:15 am

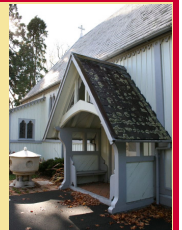
Holy Communion (Celtic Liturgy)

and

3rd Thursday of the month at 11:15 am

Said Communion Service using liturgy from the New Zealand Prayer Book.

All are very welcome



LIVE 
STREAMING

The Cathedral Services are now being streamed live to the internet. They can be watched by following the link on the [Cathedral Website](http://www.nelsoncathedral.org) or <https://www.youtube.com/> and searching Nelson Cathedral, then click on the one showing Live Stream. Previous services can be viewed until they are deleted.