



# Weekly News

## Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Blessing of the Backpacks

28 January 2024



### *Back to the Future*

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome you back to our Cathedral after the Summer break, and hope you have had the opportunity for life-giving rest and re-creation. On this final Sunday before the start of a new academic year, there will be a special blessing for all those returning to teaching and learning. Please bring your backpacks, briefcases, equipment or other symbols of learning so that we can pray God's blessing upon them and yourselves.

We also reach the end of the Church's Season of Epiphany, and consider the ways in which God reveals himself and calls us to be attentive to his voice.

Our Gospel reading details the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple, and highlights the role of the Holy Spirit in giving wisdom and direction to our lives.

Simeon's final words draw our attention away from the celebration of the birth of Christ towards the suffering and sacrificial redemption of the cross.

This year more than ever, God invites us to listen more attentively with open ears, eyes and hearts, so that we might grow in our faithfulness as disciples of Christ. We are called to bring all of who we are to God, and to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. As we journey together through Lent, we will explore the spiritual practice of developing a Rule of Life, in order to Live, Love and Serve faithfully together. We look forward with joy and in anticipation of all that God will reveal and transform in the year ahead.

*Arohanui, Dean Katie*

## Sentence of the Day

For the Lord God is a defence and shield, the Lord will give grace and honour:  
and no good thing will be withheld from those who live a blameless life.

*Psalm 84:13*

## Collect

E Īhu, hihiri ana āu kōrero,  
whakamanawanui e koe, ka maumahara  
mātou.  
Āwhinatia mai mātou ki te kōrero kia rongo  
te katoa,  
ki te whakahua i te pono  
kia kaua e mauāhara.  
Whakarongo ki tēnei ĭnoi i runga i tōu ake  
ingoa.  
Āmine.

**Jesus, you spoke with passion,  
you acted without fear, and we  
remember.  
Help us when we have to speak  
out,  
to speak the truth  
and without malice to speak.  
Hear this prayer for your name's  
sake.  
Amen.**

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## Sunday Services

**8.00am**    **Said Eucharist**  
**10.00am**    **Choral Eucharist**  
                  [Also live-streamed](#)  
  
**4.00pm**    **Choral Evensong**  
  
**6.00pm**    **Taizé**  
                  *Every 1st Sunday*

## Weekday Services

**8.00am**    **Morning Prayer**  
**12.15pm**    **Midday Eucharist**  
                  *Monday-Friday in the Lady Chapel  
                  with Te Hakari Tapu on Thursdays*  
  
**5.15pm**    **Evening Prayer**  
                  *Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri*  
  
**5.30pm**    **Thursday Choral Evensong**  
                  *Thursday during school terms -  
                  resuming 15 February 2024*

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## 8am Said Eucharist

**Presider:**            The Very Reverend Katie Lawrence  
**Preacher:**          The Reverend Tim Handley  
**First Reading:**    Hebrews 2:14-18 read by Pike Stahlmann-Brown  
**Psalm:**              84  
**Gospel:**             Luke 2:22-40  
**Eucharistic Assistants:** Jenny van der Merwe & Alex Lindsay  
**Sidespeople:**      Alex Lindsay & Pike Stahlmann-Brown  
**Morning Tea:**      Diana Halsted

## *10am Choral Eucharist & Tamariki Time*

<b>Presider:</b>	The Very Reverend Katie Lawrence
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Reverend Tim Handley
<b>Deacon:</b>	The Reverend Chris Frazer
<b>Organist and Director of Music:</b>	Michael Stewart
<b>Assistant Organist:</b>	Tom Chatterton
<b>Choir:</b>	Cathedral Choir
<b>Service:</b>	Communion service in E (Collegium Regale) <i>Darke</i>
<b>First Reading:</b>	Hebrews 2:14-18 read by Mary Prangnell
<b>Psalm:</b>	84
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 2:22-40
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Gavin Knight
<b>Liturgical assistants:</b>	Rev'd Chris Frazer, Gavin Knight, Neil Stiles, Philip Webb
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Raja Cingaraj
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	Richard Field-Dodgson, Sam Prabhakaran
<b>Verger:</b>	Mary Hutchinson
<b>Sound desk:</b>	Alastair Hutchinson
<b>Morning tea:</b>	Claire Stevens, Janet Grocott, Adrienne Dawson

## *Processional hymn*

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.**

**2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.**

**4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again  
Gladly for ay we adore him.**

*Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Tune: Lobe den Herren*

## Psalm 84



1. How lovely is your dwelling-place: Lord God of power and might.
2. My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. The sparrow finds for herself a house:  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.
4. Even so have the singers a home at your altars:  
they stand always praising you my king and my God.

### Response

5. O Lord God of hosts: blessed are those who dwell in your house.
6. Blessed are those whose strength is in you:  
who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.
7. Going through the arid valley, they find a spring from which to drink:  
the early rain covers it with pools of water.
8. They go from strength to strength:  
and appear every one before God in Jerusalem.

### Response

9. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear O God of Jacob.
10. Show favour O God to the king our defender:  
and look upon the face of your anointed prince.
11. Truly one day in your courts: is better than a thousand elsewhere.
12. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God:  
than live in the homes of the wicked.

### Response

13. For the Lord God is a defence and shield, the Lord will give grace and  
honour:  
and no good thing will be withheld from those who live a blameless life.
14. O Lord God of hosts: blessed are those who put their trust in you.

### Response

## Gradual hymn

In a world where peo-ple walk in dark- ness, let us turn our fa-ces to the

light, to the light of God re-vealed in Je - sus, to the

**Refrain**

day - star scat-ter-ing our night. *For the light is stron-ger than the*

*dark-ness and the day will ov - er - come the night, though the*

*shad-ows ling-er all a- round\_ us, let us turn our fa-ces to the light.*

**2. In a world where suffering of the helpless,  
casts a shadow all along the way,  
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness  
and proclaim the dawning of the day.**

***For the light is stronger than the darkness  
and the day will overcome the night,  
though the shadows linger all around us,  
let us turn our faces to the light.***

**3. Let us light a candle in the darkness,  
in the face of death a sign of life;  
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,  
as a sign of peace in place of strife.**

***For the light is stronger than the darkness  
and the day will overcome the night,  
though the shadows linger all around us,  
let us turn our faces to the light.***

Text: Robert Willis (b. 1947)  
Tune: Let us light a candle

## Offertory hymn

1. King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love Thee;  
and that love may never cease,  
I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing Thee,  
and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

3. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,  
I will praise Thee;  
in my heart, though not in heav'n,  
I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
to enroll Thee:  
e'en eternity's too short  
to extol Thee.

*Words:* George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Tune:* Gwalchmai

## Motet

Senex puerum portabat

*An ancient held up an Infant, but the Infant upheld the ancient.  
A Child he was that a Virgin bore, and kept her as Virgin evermore.  
The one whom she brought forth, she did adore.*

*Text:* Antiphon for the Purification of the BVM

*Music:* William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

## Final hymn

1. God of all learning, God of all knowing,  
We bring these backpacks filled with supplies.  
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.  
Use them, we pray, to change many lives.

2. Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,  
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.  
May they remember you walk beside them.  
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

*Tune:* Traditional Gaelic melody ("Morning Has Broken")

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## 4pm Choral Evensong

**Officiant:** The Reverend Tim Handley  
**Preacher:** The Very Reverend Katie Lawrence  
**Organist and Director of Music:** Michael Stewart  
**Assistant Conductor:** Tom Chatterton  
**Choir:** Cathedral Choir  
**Psalm:** 34  
**Canticles:** Evening Service in B flat *Stanford*  
**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20 read by James Marriott  
**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 14:12-20 read by Shelly Marriott  
**Sidespeople:** James Marriott

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**Memorial Service for Sir Michael Hardie Boys** • The service will take place at 11am on Wednesday 31 January. If you plan to attend, please come early. Parking will be prioritised for the family of the deceased, so do please consider public transport or parking elsewhere close to the Cathedral.

**Cathedral Office hours** • A gentle reminder that the Cathedral office is open between the hours of 10-3, Monday to Friday. Please direct your enquiries within these hours, or email queries to [admin@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:admin@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz)

**Our AGM has been set for 17 March. Reports are due 5 February 2023!**  
 Please email them through to [george@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:george@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz) - Thank you!

**Cathedral Honey** • We still have some of our very own Cathedral honey in stock from the office at \$15 a jar.

## Upcoming Events

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**Mon 29 Jan 12.15** **Midday Eucharist resumes** • Come join us every weekday in the Lady Chapel for a short Eucharist service, a welcome respite from the busyness of the day,

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**Fri 2 Feb 12.45pm** **TGIF resumes** • We are pleased to kick off our 2024 season of *Thank God It's Friday* recitals with Lewis Grey on trumpet and our own organ scholar Max Toth on organ. Koha appreciated.

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**Sat 3 Feb 10.30am** **Senior Saints** • Welcome back to all our Senior Saints for 2024! Join us in the Lady Chapel for Eucharist, followed by Morning Tea in the Loaves & Fishes.

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**Sun 4 Feb 6pm** **Taizé** • Coming to Taizé is to be invited to search for communion with God through community prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing. Join us in the meditative rhythm of song and prayer this evening, using music from the Taizé and Ngatiawa communities.

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**Tue 13 Feb-  
Tue 19 March  
6-7.30pm** **Confirmation Course** • We are excited to be offering another opportunity for members of our community to confirm their Christian faith. Dean Katie will be leading classes in preparation for confirmations. Please catch her over Morning Tea or email to register your interest: [dean@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:dean@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz)

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**Wed 14 Feb  
7.30am -  
7.30pm** **Love is All you Need - Ash Wednesday Day of Service** • Celebrate Valentine's Day by Loving God and Loving Others as we dedicate the day to Acts of Service before joining together for our ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service at **6pm**. Come when you can, leave when you must! Sign up for duties from 1 February in the Cathedral office.

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**Thu 15 Feb  
5.30pm** **Choral Evensong resumes** • Join our Choristers for Choral Evensong every Thursday during the school term.

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**Sun 17 Mar** **8am** **NO Said Eucharist**  
**9am** **Short Choral Eucharist followed by AGM**  
**4pm** **Sanctuary Service**

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**Prayer Ministry is available at the Chapel without Walls during distribution of Communion at the 10am Eucharist Service. No need is too small or great.**

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