



30 JULY 2017
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: The Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Deacon: The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Reader: Evelyn Terris
Prayers: Maralin Dunn

10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presiding Priest & Preacher: The Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Deacon: The Rev'd Nicky Lee
Liturgical Assistant: Taidhg Fraser
Music: The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music: John Linker
Assistant Organist: Harry Meehan

5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher: The Rev'd Ben Randall, Assistant Curate
Vergers: Peter Williams
Music: The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music: John Linker
Assistant Organist: Harry Meehan



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Welcome to all as we come together this Sunday. We are glad you have chosen to come to the Transitional Cathedral. God bless you and your family and friends.

On Sunday 13 August we will celebrate our **Dedication Festival**. A shared breakfast will be held following the 8am service of Holy Communion, and a Pot Luck Lunch is planned following the 10am Service.

Theologians in the Cathedral: The next in our series of Theologians will be The Very Rev'd Martyn Percy, Dean of Oxford, 5pm on Sunday 13 August.

The Anglican Diocesan Bicultural Education Committee and Theology House are offering a **Learn Te Reo** course. Tutors will lead a 6 part series of workshops introducing Maori language and culture in Aotearoa New Zealand. This is a course for beginners and will include work on the Anglican Maori liturgies. Term 3: 7pm to 9:15pm, Tuesdays - 8, 15, 22, 29 August and 5, 12 September. Registrations to be received by Claire Bonner, Administrator, by 5pm Tuesday 1 August 2017. Ph: 03 341 3399 E: admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz

Advance Notice: An **Election Prayer Vigil** will be held at The Transitional Cathedral 9am Friday 22 September to 9am Saturday 23 September. All are invited to pray for as long or as short as able, for the present and future well-being of our land.

Offering envelopes for 2017-2018 are now available for collection from Deacon Nicky Lee's office.

Please continue to hold in your prayers our NZCMS Mission Partner, **Miriam Tillman**; and we pray for the continuing provision of Power, Water and Internet in the Hospital of Hope.

We would like to invite people who **enjoy singing** to support the Cathedral's **Wednesday 12.05pm Celtic Service**. The service includes a number of taizé chants.

You are invited to **join The Cathedral Singers**. Anyone who loves singing church music is encouraged to join The Cathedral Singers. Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 6.15pm - 7.45pm in The Transitional Cathedral. Boys and girls from Yr 7 up are welcome to attend with their parents.

Prayer for the Diocese: Each week the Cathedral prays with the whole Diocese of Christchurch for the Church. This week we give thanks and pray for Tikanga Pasefika, and the ministry within the Diocese of Polynesia.

Special Pilgrimage Tour to: Jordan & the Holy Land and Greece in the Footsteps of St Paul with Reverend Mike Hawke, May 2018. For further details please email admin@christchurchcathedral.co.nz

We greatly appreciate the donation of non-perishable food items each week. These items are distributed to The Christchurch **City Mission** and the **Parish Foodbank in Aranui**.

The Cathedral has a **hearing aid loop** for the hard of hearing. This can be picked up in the front six rows.

The Cathedral supports the **community lunches** that take place every Sunday in Latimer Square. If the weather is wet, the lunch is served in the Cathedral foyer from about midday.

REFLECTION

Welcome to the Transitional Cathedral. If you are a visitor to Christchurch, or coming to the Cathedral from elsewhere in the Diocese of Christchurch, or a regular worshipper here, you are most welcome to this Cathedral: the broad tent with a wide open door.

The readings today deal with the question of what we most desire, what is most precious. God asks the young King Solomon what he most desires. The two parables in the Gospel reading are concerned with what we recognise as most precious. These texts are pointing us to one of the greatest of God's gifts, the gift of Faith. Whilst in no sense undermining the utterly gratuitous nature of faith – it is sheer gift – the means by which the gift is realised varies enormously from person to person. But what I suggest is the really crucial point in these parables is the reaction to the enormity of the gift and what is required to accept it. God is not just one more thing in our lives, the icing on the cake. God is the cake, the icing, and the cherry on the top! No worldly attachment is worth what God offers.

The readings today are calling us to open our lives to Christ and the gift of faith. When Pope Benedict preached his inaugural sermon as Pope, he had this to say about opening our hearts to Christ: "If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life."

May God bless you all this week.

Dean Lawrence

YOUNG STARS COLLIDE

Anna Haefjes
Soprano

Anna Maksymova
Piano

Oliver Sewall
Tenor

Bradley Wood
Piano

Timing is everything! Oliver is home briefly from New York, and shortly, Bradley will be heading to London. This will be a unique opportunity to hear all these superb young musicians perform as soloists, accompanists and perform together in duets both piano and vocal in one single concert event. The list of these musicians' accomplishments is too vast to include here. Please come along to enjoy and support these fabulous young musicians. All profits will go directly to the performers to assist them in their musical careers.

Sunday August 6
2.30pm

The Piano
156 Armagh Street

\$25 Adult
\$20 Concert Friends and seniors
\$10 Students

Reserve or enquire
concert@christchurch@gmail.com

THE YARN

every Saturday 2.00-4.00pm
at the Transitional Cathedral

Come and knit for the City Mission and other social agencies
Bring your own project or knit for charity
(wool & needles supplied)

Building connections in our community

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I would like to know more about the Cathedral's worshipping community.

I would like to receive the monthly Cathedral newsletter, "Extra" by post
(if you would like to receive it by email please go to www.christchurchcathedral.co.nz)

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