

5 MAY 2019

THE THIRD
SUNDAY OF
EASTER



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8.00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Rev'd Ben Randall
Deacon:	The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Reader:	Marge Wong
Prayers:	Maralin Dunn



10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

Presider:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Preacher:	The Rev'd Ben Randall
Deacon:	The Ven Nicky Lee
Liturgical Assistant:	Michael Earle
Verger:	Chris Oldham
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Christopher Lynch

5.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant & Preacher:	Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Verger:	Peter Dawe
Music:	The Cathedral Choir
Director of Music:	Dr John Linker
Assistant Organist:	Christopher Lynch



**No phones
or cameras
please**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Kia Kaha's Friends, the Cathedral Children's programme is on recess over the School Holidays. Activity sheets are available.

The Annual Meeting of Regulars is scheduled for Sunday 12 May, following the 10am Eucharist. Copies of reports are available to collect today. There are no elections taking place this year.

Regulars and those attending the **Sunday 8am Holy Eucharist** are invited to stay for a simple breakfast (tea, coffee and something easy to eat) on the first Sunday of the month. A breakfast is scheduled today, Sunday 5 May.

There is an **Orchestral Concert** by Cathedral Grammar School and Rangī Ruru, Monday 6 May at 6pm.

Countdown to the **Priests & Poms Cathedral Fundraiser**. On the 11th May, Assistant Priest Ben and three others are preparing to take on the St Clair Half-Marathon. The aim of this madness is to raise funds in support of the Transitional Cathedral Choristers. Information can be found on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CathedralClairs>) or Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/priest.and.poms>) and you can donate at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/priests-and-poms-take-on-the-st-clair-half>

Postponement: Together '19 Ecumenical Service at the Town Hall (scheduled for 11 May) has been postponed. A new date will be advertised in due course. Those who have already purchased tickets are eligible for a refund, or retain the tickets for the new date.

The **University of Tennessee at Martin Choir** is performing at The Transitional Cathedral, Sunday 12 May at 2.00pm.

John Bell of the Iona Community is leading a **Sing for the World Workshop**. Knox Church Centre, Bealey Ave. Tuesday 21st May 2019, 7-9pm. Admission by koha. Bring your voice, your heart and your desire to sing songs for the world.

Church Women United in Aotearoa New Zealand are holding a **Variety Concert & Afternoon Tea**, fundraising for Asian Church Women Conference Travel. Saturday 25 May, 2.00pm, at St Albans Uniting Parish, 36 Nancy Avenue, Mairehau. \$15 p/person.

The **Christchurch Marathon** is on Sunday 2 June (Queens Birthday). This will disrupt access to and from the Cathedral for those heading to/from the north. Please go around Hagley Park, along Moorhouse Ave and approach the Cathedral down Madras St from the south.

End of year **Donation Receipts** are now available for everyone on the Cathedral's **envelope system and automatic payment schemes**. These are available in the Cathedral Foyer following Sunday Services, or from The Ven Nicky Lee's office through the week. If you would like to join the Cathedral's Envelope Giving or Automatic Payment scheme then please speak to a member of the clergy or staff team.

Donations towards the provision of **flowers** over the continuing Easter Season are very welcome and can be given to The Ven Nicky Lee.

THIS WEEK: 6 ~ 12 MAY

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8.30am

Monday 6 May

12.05pm MIDDAY Prayer
6.00pm Orchestral Concert
*featuring Cathedral Grammar School
& Rangī Ruru School*

Tuesday 7 May

12.05pm Holy Eucharist
with prayers for healing
5.30 pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir

Wednesday 8 May

Dame Julian of Norwich, Mystic
12.05pm Celtic Eucharist
5.30 pm Choral Evensong
sung by The Cathedral Choir
7.30 GodQuest Confirmation Group

Thursday 9 May

Gregory of Nazianzus
12.05pm Holy Eucharist *in Te Reo Māori*
5.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by
The Gentlemen of The Cathedral Choir*

Friday 10 May

7.30am Christian Meditation
12.05pm Holy Eucharist
4.30 pm Choral Evensong *sung by
The Choristers of The Cathedral Choir*

Saturday 11 May

Ruatara, The Gateway to the Gospel
12.05pm MIDDAY Prayer

SUNDAY 12 MAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.15am Christian Meditation

8.00am Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley

10.00am Choral Eucharist
*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Music: The Cathedral Choir*

11.30am Annual Meeting of Regulars

2.00pm University of Tennessee Concert

5.00pm Choral Evensong
*Preacher: Dean Lawrence Kimberley
Music: The Cathedral Choir*

DIRECTORY OF CATHEDRAL REGULARS

The Cathedral is preparing a directory for Cathedral Regulars. This is essentially a contact list that would be available to Regulars to strengthen the links between people and deepen community; and also for pastoral use by the Cathedral Clergy.

We are inviting all Cathedral Regulars to update their contact details, and also to indicate whether or not they are willing for their details to be publicly available in a Regulars' Directory.

Please fill in the following and deposit it in a collection bag or hand to a member of the Clergy.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

EMAIL _____

I confirm my permission to have my name and details included in a Directory for circulation among Cathedral Regulars and Clergy (This will not include my home address).

If you do not tick the above box, your details will be held privately for the use of Cathedral Clergy and Pastoral Staff only.

SIGNATURE _____

Dear friends, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Welcome to the Transitional Cathedral on this Third Sunday of Easter. 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 season of Easter lasts for 50 days until the Day of Pentecost, and the dressing of the Cathedral with flowers, the music we sing, and the readings we are hearing all reflect this season of the Resurrection, helping us to reflect in depth about what it means to say "Christ is risen". One thing we notice is that the disciples of Jesus experienced the risen Jesus being even more present than he had been before he died, and that his presence was the presence of the hospitality of God. Hospitality was always at the centre of what Jesus was about when he walked on this earth, but this continued in even more depth after the resurrection. It is no accident that the Gospel reading today has John's account of the risen Jesus meeting them on the beach and hosting them to a meal.

The first point to notice is that on both sides of the resurrection (before Jesus died and after he was raised) Jesus is always the host at the meal, which is the dynamic even when Jesus is a guest in someone's home (the story of Zacchaeus is a good example of this happening). This means that all of us are guests at the table of the Lord. It is well worth sitting with that reality. We are here because Jesus has invited us or called us to be here, not because we are a club for the like-minded. We are here because Jesus wants our company, and because Jesus makes us welcome. We also invite Jesus into our lives and receive him into our bodies in the Eucharist. As we welcome Jesus, he gives us the courage to open our hearts to make others welcome.

The presence of Jesus as a hospitable presence after he is raised from the dead is a major theme of the resurrection narratives. The resurrected Jesus does what he has always done. He eats and drinks with the disciples, not just to prove that he is really alive, but because he is still creating a new community. Jesus is raised from the dead, which means he is truly present when we gather to celebrate Eucharist or to pray together; he is still calling us to a new level of life together, a new fellowship, a new way of being in solidarity, in a communion of trust, and he is calling us to become welcomers ourselves; people who welcome others into the Kingdom and introduce them to Jesus.

Those who are regular worshippers in this Cathedral will be aware that the Cathedral has been advertising an Ecumenical Service of Worship in the Town Hall on Saturday 11 May, which was to have been called "Tatou Tatou E! Together 19". This has now been postponed to a date to be determined later this year.

It also with much regret that I announce that our assistant organist, Chris Lynch, has tendered his resignation. Chris has received an offer that he cannot refuse from the Indianapolis Cathedral in the USA, and will take up that role near the end of Term 2 at the beginning of July. While this is great news for Chris, it is sad news for us. Indianapolis' gain is very much our loss. I will miss Chris and his fiancée, Astrid, very much. Chris has been a wonderful musician and it has been a joy to see him grow in the role. Both Chris and Astrid are valued members of the Cathedral community. Please pray for Chris and Astrid as they prepare for this next chapter of their lives.

May God bless you all this week.

Dean Lawrence