



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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*open doors ... open hearts ... open minds*



Season of Creation  
22 September 2019

Holy Apostles  
Copmanhurst

Christ Church Cathedral  
Grafton

All Saints  
Lawrence

22 September 2019

Creation 4 – Cosmos Sunday

*We are a generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.*

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

*Setting* St Thomas Mass – David Thorne

*Introit* Rorate, caeli – Plainsong

*Opening Hymn* Let all creation dance [TIS 187]

*Prayer of the day* Lord Jesus, through you all things were made.  
When you were formed in the womb of Mary,  
you became part of this earth and your body was fashioned  
from the primeval stardust as are our own.  
You gazed upon this world with human eyes  
and watched with awe the display of the skies.  
Today you are alive in every creature—  
on this planet and throughout the universe—  
in your risen glory.  
Praise be to you, and to the Father and to the Spirit;  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Offertory Hymn* O Lord of every shining constellation [TIS 157]

*Communion Anthems* Put peace into each other's hands – John Barnard  
My eyes for beauty pine – Herbert Howells

*Mission Hymn* God, who stretched the spangled heavens [TIS 163]

*Organ Postlude* Toccata in C – Stanley Vann

## BIBLE READINGS

### *First Reading*

[Proverbs 8:22–31]

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

### *Psalms 148*

#### Response

*v. 1*

Praise the Lord from the heav'ns and praise him in the heights.



Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;  
praise him, all his host.

(R/.)

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you stars of light.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.

(R/.)

For his name only is exalted  
his splendour above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. (R/.)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

## **Cosmos Sunday**

*The special focus for this service is not only the cosmos in all its immensity and wonder, but also the spiritual impulse or presence that permeates the universe and is connected with each of us on Earth. That impulse is also called 'Wisdom'. We know that loving wisdom at the very heart of the universe as 'God' and we recognise the presence of that loving wisdom in the person of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. The Cosmic Christ.*





**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to the Reverend John Deane as our guest preacher at the Cathedral this morning. John is the Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission (Australia).

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION is how our church works together with partners around the globe to assist them with aid, development and mission work. As a parish community we especially support the work of ABM and its partner churches through the annual Lent Appeal and the Good Friday offering, which is always sent to the church in Jerusalem.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9.00am** The festival of **St Michael & All Angels**, with our guest preacher being the Venerable Wayne Brighton, Rector of Holy Covenant Church, Canberra. Archdeacon Brighton will be with us over the weekend as he is presenting the pioneer ministry workshop at the Cathedral next Saturday.

**10.30am** **Blessing of the Animals.** We conclude the season of creation with an opportunity to bring along your dogs, cats, birds, goldfish, ponies, favourite chooks, goats, etc for a special blessing. Animals play a hugely important part in the life of a community. All animals need to be safely caged or leashed, and able to behave peacefully with other animals and people around them. If you have larger animals (e.g. horses or bulls) please park your trailers handy to the Cathedral so that Father Greg and Mother Camellia can easily get to them. Horses or docile livestock can also be led into the Cathedral grounds if this is possible for you to do so safely.

**11.00am** **Parish Forum:** being a fifth Sunday we like together for an informal discussion of key parish business and then stay for a shared lunch. Please bring a plate of suitable food for sharing with others. The exact schedule may depend on the number of animals to be blessed.



From time to time we like to provide the Cathedral community with an update on our finances, so that everyone is aware of how things are progressing and any challenges we may be facing.

The good news is that our **Sunday offerings** are continuing to grow and we are slightly ahead of budget. This is a very significant achievement and a special thank you to everyone whose personal gifts have made this possible.

**Income from the OpShop** activities is tracking pretty close to budget, and over the whole year is expected to contribute around \$95,000 to our finances. Again, we want to acknowledge and celebrate the immense benefit to the parish from the combined efforts of everyone associated with the OpShop.

It is also good to report that **mission giving** has increased substantially this year: particularly for the Christmas Bowl and the ABM Lent Appeal. It is always a sign of a healthy parish when we see strong giving to mission work.

Despite all these positive developments, the parish continues to operate at a loss as our expenses exceed our income. At the end of August we had a operational deficit of \$14,570, which is around \$1,821 each month.

It can sometimes seem that we have lots of money, but these tend to come from special appeals or trust funds. The trust funds cover major maintenance expenses and our strategic ministry initiatives (such as employing a Children & Families minister or developing the Cathedral app), but those funds are not available for recurrent costs. Similarly, any government grants for heritage works can only be used for the specified purposes.

We need to increase our membership, develop new channels for offerings which are not dependent on people being in church to put their gift in the collection plate, and also trim our costs to realistic levels.

## Cathedral Parish Directory

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## Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook  
Candice  
Sue Cotter  
Kathryn Douglas  
Roy Ford  
Gail Gilmore  
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley  
Fay Kelly  
Ruth Kingsley  
Doris Lee  
Joan Marr  
John McAnally

Eileen Rogan  
Val Rogers  
Muriel Shepherd  
Tammy Uren  
Jessie Usher  
Keith Zietsch

## Remembering those who have died

**Recently departed:** Jeanette Ardler, Toby Gray

**Year's Mind:** Jacob Lollback, Gladys McKnight, Ken Ennever, Neville Uren, Bede Carlton, Beryl Kemmis, Lorna Hackett, Brenda Millard, Carl Roberts, Roger Schaeffer

## Cathedral Prayer

**Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.**

## Around the Parish this Week

<b>Today</b>	<b>Creation 4 – Cosmos Sunday</b> 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence)
<b>Monday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 12.00pm – Friends for Lunch (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall)
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 1.00pm – CVAS Valedictory Service 3.00pm – National Police Remembrance Service 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.30am – Pioneer Ministry Workshop (Edwards Hall) (Registration 9.30am, Workshop 10.00am – 3.00pm)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Michael and All Angels</b> 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 9.00am – Ecumenical Service (All Saints, Lawrence) 10.30am – Blessing of the Animals (Cathedral) 11.00am – Morning Tea then Parish Forum (Parish Centre)

Next Sunday's roster: Bill & Lyn Johnston (sidespeople), Alex Purvis (Reader 1) Kay Alden (Reader 2 & Prayers)



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