

Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle

ANZAC

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

In conjunction with War Widows Newcastle (Tri-service)
featuring The Lighting of the ANZAC flame
and The Blessing of Crosses in the Field of Remembrance



Monday 14th April, 2025, 11am Service



Welcome to the annual ANZAC Commemoration Service.

Christ Church Cathedral has commemorated the events of Anzac Cove since 1916, and has a special connection through the St Michael Chapel ('The Warrior Chapel'), a memorial chapel which contains many items of great significance to the region with strong links to World War I.

The Cathedral houses and cares for items honouring the war service of women and men in many theatres of war. The treasures include the Book of Gold, the Gallipoli Flag, and the Birdwood Flag.

The Cathedral is the parent church for Toc H in Australia.

We thank the members of the War Widows' Guild Club of Australia; members of the Armed Services who have provided the colour parties; the officers and members of the RSL; the Organist and Master of the Choristers, and other participating musicians; and our distinguished guests, for their support of this significant service.

Motto of the War Widows' Guild Club of Australia:

We all belong to each other, we all need each other.

It is in serving each other and in sacrificing for our common good,
that we are finding our true life.

Please turn off mobile phones on entering the Cathedral.

*All stand and join in with the Australian Military Wives Choir
in singing the hymn as the procession enters the Cathedral.*

Opening Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.**

Joachim Neander, 1650–80
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, and others
Together in Song 111

*The colour parties and the War Widows Guild Flag
enter and present the colours to the Dean.*

The National Anthem is then sung by all

The National Anthem

Australians all, let us rejoice,
for we are one and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil.
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds with nature's gifts
of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing:
Advance Australia fair.

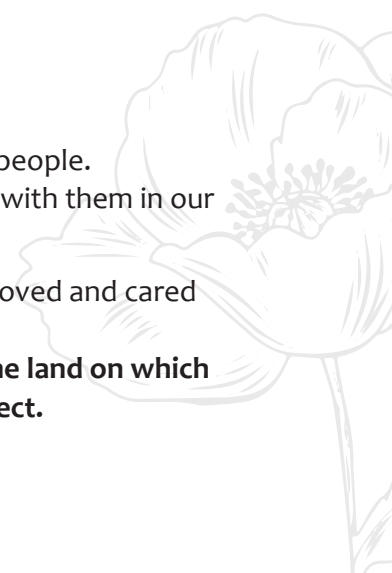
Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
we'll toil with hearts and hands,
to make this Commonwealth of ours
renowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas
we've boundless plains to share.
With courage let us all combine
to Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing:
Advance Australia fair.

SIT Acknowledgement of Country

Dear friends,
we gather on land entrusted to the Awabakal people.
We acknowledge their custodianship, and join with them in our
commitment to be good stewards of creation.

To those who were here before us, who have loved and cared
for this land from time immemorial:

**We honor their traditional custodianship of the land on which
we meet today, and offer them our deep respect.**



STAND **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country. We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost. Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Easter Candle is alight as the Introduction is read.

REMAIN
STANDING

Introduction

Community faith leaders

We gather in the light of Christ to recall the effects of human violence, and our need for redemption; to offer our thanks for those who served the cause of peace at Gallipoli, and those who through the ages have sought to follow the way of the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace; and to find the healing of the world in the light which shines most intensely at the heart of the darkness.

*The lamp is brought forward from the nave
and the Eternal Flame is lit from the Easter Candle.*

Together we dedicate the ANZAC Flame. We light it for peace, and for those who have given their lives to ensure our safety. We recall the effects of human violence, and our need to work and pray constantly for a better world where everyone enjoys the peace we have here in Newcastle.

In the name of the living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bless and dedicate this flame. **Amen.**

*The flame is carried by the Dean and placed on the High Altar,
where it will remain until ANZAC Day,
when it will be used to light the flame at the ANZAC Flame Monument.*

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies with the opening day.

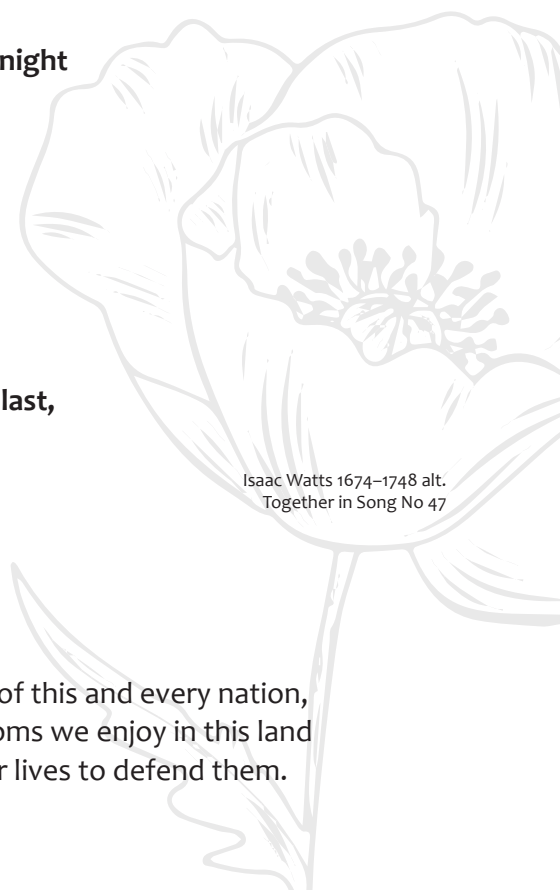
Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
remain our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674–1748 alt.
Together in Song No 47

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our ruler and guide,
in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
and for those who laid down their lives to defend them.



We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT **Reading** 2 Samuel 22.2-20 read by
Ken Fayle, City of Newcastle RSL Sub-Branch

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

David sang this song to the Lord when the Lord saved him from Saul and all his other enemies. He said: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my Saviour. My God is my rock. I can run to him for safety. He is my shield and my saving strength, my defender and my place of safety. The Lord saves me from those who want to harm me. I will call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I will be saved from my enemies. The waves of death came around me; the deadly rivers overwhelmed me. The ropes of death wrapped around me. The traps of death were before me.

In my trouble I called to the Lord; I cried out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my call for help reached his ears. The earth trembled and shook. The foundations of heaven began to shake. They trembled because the Lord was angry. Smoke came out of his nose, and burning fire came out of his mouth. Burning coals went before him. He tore open the sky and came down with dark clouds under his feet. He rode a creature with wings and flew. He raced on the wings of the wind. He made darkness his shelter, surrounded by fog and clouds.

Out of the brightness of his presence came flashes of lightning. The Lord thundered from heaven; the Most High raised his voice. He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies. His bolts of lightning confused them with fear. The Lord spoke strongly. The wind blew from his nose. Then the valleys of the sea appeared, and the foundations of the earth were seen.

The Lord reached down from above and took me; he pulled me from the deep water. He saved me from my powerful enemies, from those who hated me, because they were too strong for me. They attacked me at my time of trouble, but the Lord supported me. He took me to a safe place. Because he delights in me, he saved me.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength:

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved;

and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea

Though the waters rage and foam:

and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved:

God will help her, at break of day.

The nations shall make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken;

but God has lifted his voice and the earth shall tremble.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come then and see what the Lord has done:

what destruction he has brought upon the earth,

he makes wars to cease in all the world:

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,

and burns the chariots in the fire.

Be still and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted upon the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Reading

John 15.9-17 read by
Graeme Reynolds, City of Newcastle RSL Sub-Branch

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

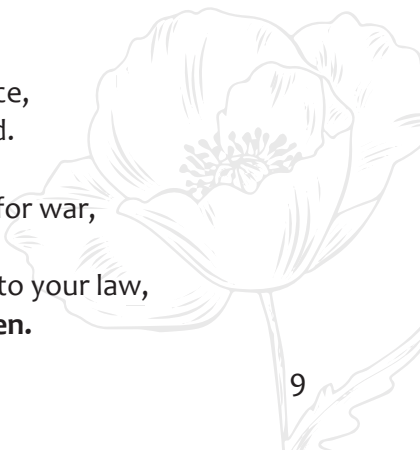
*The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer,
Dean of Newcastle*

The Prayers

KNEEL
OR SIT

A Prayer for Peace

God of the nations,
whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
that all races and peoples may learn to live
as members of one family and in obedience to your law,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



A Prayer in Times of War and Conflict

God our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life: help us, in the midst of the present wars and conflicts in our world, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Australia *said by all*

**God, bless Australia, guard our people,
guide our leaders, and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

A Prayer for the War Widows' Guild Club

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing upon the work of the War Widows Guild of Australia and especially on our Newcastle Guild Club.

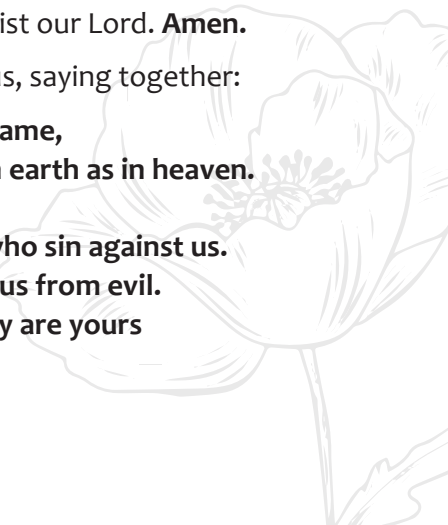
We thank you for all who serve in so many ways both locally and within the nation.

We remember with thanksgiving our founder, Jessie Vasey, and we pray that her inspiration and ideals will continue to motivate the present generation of members.

We make these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

So let us pray as our Saviour Christ taught us, saying together:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**



STAND **The Hymn** *sung by all, during which the Book of Remembrance is brought from the St Michael ("Warrior") Chapel and placed on the altar.*

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847 alt.
Together in Song 586

REMAIN
STANDING

THE ACT OF COMMEMORATION

The Dean:

We remember those who gave their lives for their country.
We remember them with sorrow, yet with thanksgiving
that they did not love their lives unto death.

There are those who have left a name behind them,
that their praises might be reported; and some who have no memorial.
Their bodies are buried in peace, but their names live for evermore.

Let us pray.

O God, in whose hands are the issues of life and of death:
we thank you for the love and courage and devotion
of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We leave them in your gracious keeping,
that the good work which you have begun in them
may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ.
And we pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us, and in the generations to come,
and that the liberty, truth, and justice for which they have died
may spread over all the world
through the prevailing power of its redeemer,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Warrant Officer Paul Garante, RAAF Base Williamtown

THE LAST POST

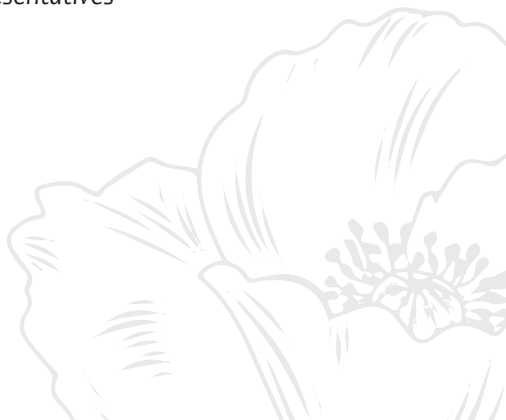
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*Wreaths are laid during Piper's Lament.
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STAND Hymn

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;**



who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.

Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
trans. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.
Together in Song No 106

REMAIN
STANDING

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as the Dean returns the colours to the colour parties.
Donations to the Cathedral can be made at the collection boxes via cash or EFT in the foyer.*

*The procession then leaves the Cathedral and stops in the
porch for the blessing and rededication of the 35th Battalion Plaque.*

Let us pray.

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lord our God;
For you created all things: and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:

For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests from every race and language, from every people and nation.

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God our Father, in loving care your hand has created us, and as the potter fashions the clay you have formed us in your image. Through the Holy Spirit you have breathed into us the gift of life. In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you and of one another. We claim your love today, as we remember the life and work of the members of the 35th Battalion, their families and friends. We give thanks for their courage and their sacrifice, and we hold their memory before you. May this memorial, placed in their honour, be a constant reminder of all these things. **Amen.**

The procession then moves to the Field of Remembrance.



THE ORDER OF PROCESSION

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Representatives of the Churches

The Dean

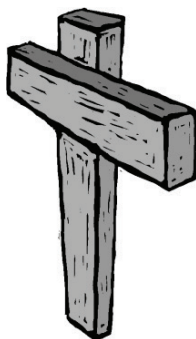
Parliamentary Representatives Service Representatives

War Widows Newcastle Members

Representatives of the RSL

Representatives of Legacy

All others present



When all are assembled, the Dean offers a blessing.

THE WAR WIDOWS LAWN of REMEMBRANCE BLESSING and THE PLANTING OF CROSSES

The Dean of Newcastle plants a cross in memory of the Unknown Warrior.

The Service Representatives plant crosses in unison:

The Royal Australian Navy

The Australian Army

The Royal Australian Air Force

Parliamentary Representatives

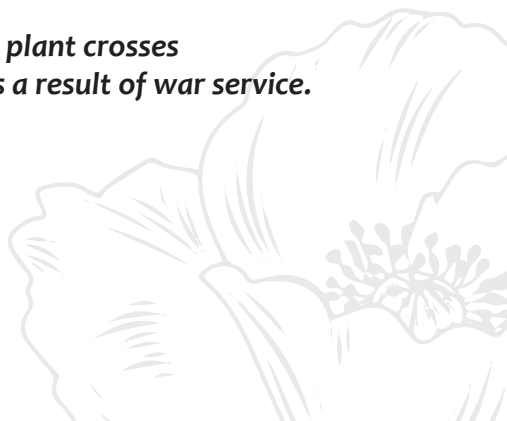
Newcastle War Widows

District Councillor of RSL Sub-Branches

A representative on behalf of the Women's Services

A representative on behalf of Newcastle Legacy

***All are now invited to plant crosses
in memory of those who died as a result of war service.***



THE 35TH BATTALION

The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". Reflecting the demographics of the area, there were a high proportion of miners among the battalion's original members.

The 35th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The battalion had to wait until the emphasis of British and Dominion operations switched to the Ypres Sector of Belgium in mid-1917 to take part in its first major battle; this was the battle of Messines, launched on 7 June. The 35th's next major battle was around Passchendaele on 12 October. Heavy rain, though, had deluged the battlefield, and thick mud tugged at the advancing troops and fouled their weapons. The battle was a disaster for the 35th; 508 men crossed the start line but only 90 remained unwounded at the end.

THE 35TH BATTALION CONT.

For the next five months the 35th alternated between periods of rest, training, labouring, and service in the line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in the spring of 1918, the battalion was part of the force deployed to defend the approaches to Amiens around Villers-Bretonneux. It took part in a counter-attack at Hangard Wood on 30 March, and helped to defeat a major drive on Villers- Bretonneux on 4 April. The desperate nature of the fighting at this time is revealed by the fact that the 35th Battalion suffered nearly 70 per cent casualties during these operations.

Later in 1918, the 35th also played a role in the Allies' own offensive. It took part in the battle of Amiens on 8 August; fought several small battles during the rapid advance that followed; and at the end of September provided reserves for the joint Australian-American operation that breached the Hindenburg Line, thus sealing Germany's defeat. The 35th Battalion disbanded in March 1919.

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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer Dean

Dr Keith Murree-Allen OAM Organist

Emma Harris Dean's Verger

Sharon Dyett Office Manager

Australian Military Wives Choir

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