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The Church of North India
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Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

Remembrance Sunday

for the fallen in war



and the Inaugural Service of the
YMCA & YWCA World Week of Prayer

Sunday 9th November 2025 • 8.45 a.m.

Choral Eucharist

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

We are the mother church of the Diocese of Bombay in the Church of North India, a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. For over 300 years, the people of St. Thomas' Cathedral have sought to be a body through which the light of Christ is seen, his life is shared, and his work is done.

The basis for our worship is the *Book of Common Prayer*, our common liturgical heritage with Anglicans across the world (all churches descended from the Church of England). We are rooted in tradition but celebrate the richness and diversity of the Communion. Music and hymnody represent the best of the Anglican choral tradition.

Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper from *The Book of Common Prayer* (refer page numbers).

The hymns can be found in *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*



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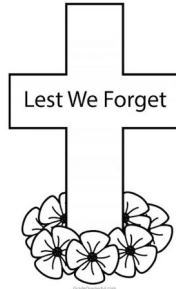
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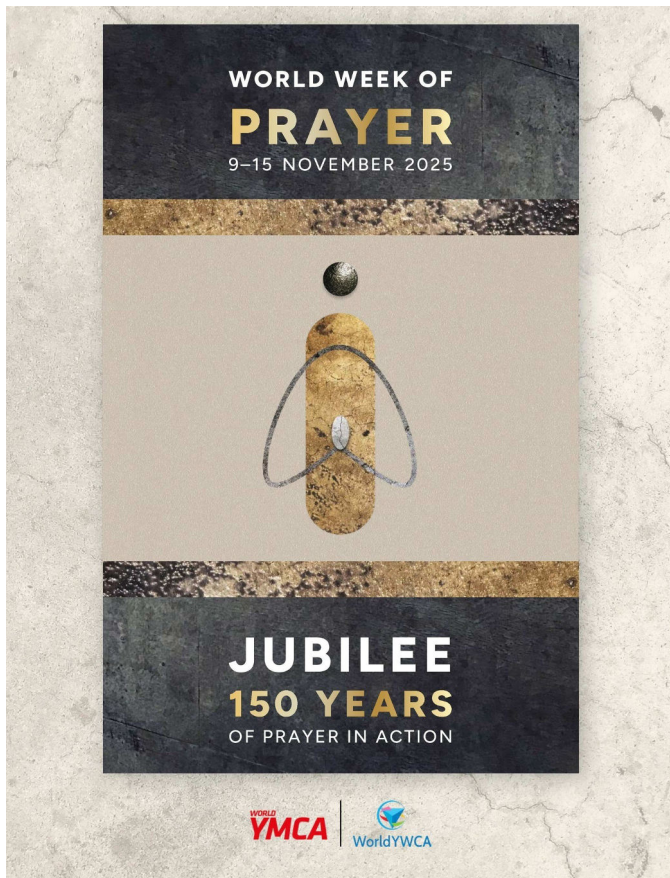
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Remembrance Sunday explores one ongoing theme
of the Season of All Saints to Advent,
that of memory both corporate and individual,
as we together confront issues of war and peace,
loss and self-giving, memory and forgetting.



The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marked the Armistice— an agreement to end the fighting during the First World War (1914 - 1918). The Sunday closest to 11th November is observed as Remembrance Sunday.



Brief history

The *World Week of Prayer and World Fellowship* is a joint tradition between the World YMCA and World YWCA, rooted in their shared Christian heritage. The YMCA was founded in 1844 in London by George Williams to provide Bible study and prayer for young men amid urban industrialisation. The YWCA emerged in 1855, also in London, through efforts by Emma Roberts and Lady Mary Jane Kinnaird to support young women with housing, education, and spiritual guidance during the same era of social upheaval.

The first joint call to prayer was issued in 1904, marking the start of their collaborative observance. By 1931, it was renamed to include "World Fellowship" to emphasise global unity.

Theme: ' **Jubilee – 150 Years of Prayer in Action** '

(9th to 15th November 2025)

Celebrated each year in the second week of November, the week sees both organisations joining forces to produce a booklet with a theme, a set of Bible studies for each day, and an annual Bible reading plan so that communities around the world can unite in prayer for a specific cause linked to current realities.

Each of the days explore aspect of the year of Jubilee as described in Leviticus 25:10-12 (NRSV), which says:

“And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.

It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family.

That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you:

you shall not sow or reap the aftergrowth or harvest the unpruned vines.

For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.”

This year's World Week of Prayer booklet promotes Christian ecumenism, seeking to tear down the dividing walls of hostility that often exist across denominational differences. And while the World Week of Prayer remains rooted in the Christian tradition, the YWCA and YMCA embrace people of any or no faith, inviting all people to gain deeper inspiration for action through dedicating a week each year to stillness, meditation, and mindful reflection.

Day 1	Prayer as jubilee	<i>1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18</i>
Day 2	Prayer as coming home	<i>John 14: 2 - 3, 18</i>
Day 3	Prayer as rest	<i>Genesis 2: 1 - 3</i>
Day 4	Prayer as justice	<i>Luke 4: 16 - 21</i>
Day 5	Prayer as forgiveness	<i>Matthew 6: 12, 14 - 15</i>
Day 6	Prayer as action	<i>1 John 3: 17 - 18</i>
Day 7	A collective worship service <div style="text-align: right;"> Calm my spirit. Let me allow you to do the impossible and bear up the weight of the world I am determined to carry alone. Bless us as we practice interdependence, Needing and being needed. Helping and being helped. As unnatural as it might feel. Thank you for these reminders that we are not meant to do life alone. And hey, if you're more alone than you meant to be today, hang in there. Amen. </div>	

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'Eventide' (Abide with me) ... Charles Hubert Parry (1848 - 1918)
Nimrod ... Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm does bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep :

 O hear us when we cry to Thee
 for those in peril on the sea.

Words: W. Whiting (1825 - 78)

O Trinity of love and pow'er,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go :
 thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
 glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Tune: MELITA
J. B. Dykes (1823 - 76)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,

All

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.**

Isaiah 40.31

**We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those
whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and
present, have been given and taken away.**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 99

O God, our help in ages past

Tune: ST. ANNE

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Read by the Presbyter

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, your presence is earnestly solicited in this the jubilee year
of the YMCA and YWCA's *World Week of Prayer*.

May we change as you transform us,
and may we remain grounded in your unchanging love
as we continue to seek the guidance of your Spirit.

Lead us onward, and by your grace,
may the YWCA and YMCA continue to serve
and impact our global communities
through the next 150 years and beyond.

All **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. *Continued*

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated while the choir
sings the Psalm to a chant by Walford Davies*

Psalm

121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved
and he that keepeth thee shall not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in
from this time forth for evermore.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Please be seated

The Epistle

Romans 8: 31 - 39

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn |# 295

I vow to thee, my country

Tune: THAXTED

*Remain standing for the Gospel
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond*

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
to him be glory and power for ever and ever. *cf Colossians 1.18*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ

St. Matthew 5: 1 - 11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Greetings and Welcome

by Mr. Noel Amanna, *President of Bombay YMCA*

Reading of the Message of the Presidents of the World YMCA and YWCA

by Mrs. Pavana Anchees, *President YWCA of Bombay*

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

and do not let them be afraid.

cf John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

and also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another.

Remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

At this time the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Thank you for your generosity.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 361

For the healing of the nations

Tune: TANTUM ERGO

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated

Prayers for Peace

Intercessor

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy

All

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation, That we may have discipline and discernment, courage and compassion. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm, That you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless, that all in their trials may know your love and support. Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

A chorister sings

Motet

Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem,
requiem sempiternam.

*Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest,
rest everlasting.*

From 'Requiem' by Gabriel Fauré (1845 - 1924)

The Presbyter

We pray in this season of Remembrance for all who mourn, and commend the departed to your everlasting love, in the hope of the Resurrection of Christ your Son.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

All

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**² Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**³ Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.**

**⁴ Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Words: Katharina V. von Schlegel (1697 - 1777)

Tune: FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius (1865 - 1957)

All stand and sing

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Act of Remembrance

The Presbyter Let us remember before God,
and commend to His safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

All stand

An older person says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm: **We will remember them.**

Wreaths are placed at the war memorials.

Two minutes of silence is observed, after which The Last Post is sounded.

The Kohima Epitaph is then said:

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

All sing

**Thy Kingdom come, O God,
thy rule, O Christ, begin;
break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.**

- ² **When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
and lust, oppression, crime
shall flee thy face before?**
- ³ **We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.**

Words: L. Hensley (1824 - 1905)

Tune: ST. CECILIA
L.G. Hayne (1836 - 83)

An Act of Commitment

Presbyter

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God,

we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presbyterian

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, our Country, the Commonwealth, the world,
and all people, unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.**

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! ///
His truth is marching on.

² **I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.**

³ **He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before His judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

⁴ **In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make us holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on.**

Words: Julia Ward Howe (1819 - 1910)

Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
William Steffe (c. 1830 - c. 1890)

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

'Land of Hope and Glory'... Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

~ Birthdays this Week ~

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Ephesians 2:10

Amelia Knox (11), Ms. Sharon Ravichandran (12), Aradhna Knox (13),
Ms. Leona Michyari (14), Dr. (Mrs.) Samantha Dawson (14),
Ms. Lianna Dilip (14), Mr. Niel (14),

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 16th November 2025 • Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.

*Come and patronise the food and games stalls.
Give generously to fund the Cathedral's ministries
and outreach programmes.*



"From Darkness to Light"

*An Advent sequence of lessons and hymns
with choral and organ music*



Saturday 29th November 2025 • 6.30 p.m.

All are welcome

Notices

- We warmly extend our welcome to the office bearers and representatives of the Bombay YMCA and YWCA. You may download the World Week of Prayer booklet and use the prayer cycle and suggested Bible readings in your personal daily devotions.
<https://www.ymca.int/what-we-do/programmes/week-of-prayer/>
- Harvest Festival is next Sunday 16th November 2025. This is an occasion for us as the Cathedral community to give thanks to God for all His abundant blessings on each one of us. This is also an opportunity to raise funds for the outreach ministries of the Cathedral. Stay back after the service for an extended time of fellowship. Do bring friends along to join us for the service.
- CNI day thanksgiving service which commemorates the formation of the Church of North India is on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Parel. All are welcome to attend.

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The Jubilee Prayer by Pope Francis

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Unity Sunday

9th November 2025

Communion of Churches in India

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O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably upon your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery;
and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence
carry out the work of our salvation
through the unity of the *Communion of Churches in India*,
that those who were cast down may be raised up
and all people may live with dignity, freedom and worth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever.

Amen.

The Communion of Churches in India (CCI) has been constituted as the visible organ for common expression of the life and witness by the founding Churches, the Church of North India (CNI), the Church of South India (CSI) and the Mar Thoma Syrian Church (MTC) which recognise themselves as belonging to the one Church of Jesus Christ in India, even while remaining as autonomous churches, each having its own identity of traditions and organizational structures. The day is observed in the second week of November.



Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Almighty and merciful God, breathe your Spirit of peace upon the nations— especially where war and terror disfigure your creation, in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and every place of violence and fear. Give courage to peacemakers and wisdom to leaders, that justice may prevail. Have mercy where hunger and poverty persist; where climate change brings drought, flood, and displacement; and where disease and disaster overwhelm fragile communities.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Our country sadly witnessed two major road accidents during the course of last week – in Hyderabad where a gravel truck rammed into a bus killing 19 people and in Jaipur where a dumper mowed into vehicles leading to tragic loss of lives. We pray for safety on our roads • The second phase of elections in Bihar will be on 11th November 2025. Pray for free and fair elections.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Countries of the Commonwealth observe *Remembrance Sunday* today. Pray with the worldwide Church for peace and goodwill • In the Anglican Communion for The Church in the Province of the West Indies and the Rt Revd Philip Wright.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Pray for dialogue and shared ministry between the Church of South India, the Church of North India and the Mar Thoma Church. Pray for the Most Revd Paritosh Canning (Moderator of CNI), the Most Revd Reuben Mark (Moderator of CSI) and His Grace Theodosius Mar Thoma (the Metropolitan of the Mar Thomas Church).

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** On *Remembrance Day* we pray for the Church of St. John the Evangelist. This church was built in memory of soldiers who died in the Anglo Afghan Wars in the 19th century. Pray for the Revd Dyvasirvadham. We thank God for restoring him to good health.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For those in our congregation who have served in the armed forces • The Cathedral & John Connon School was founded in 1860 during the episcopacy of Bishop John Harding the second Bishop of Bombay. Together with the School community we give thanks to God as the School observes its Founders' Day on 14th November.

Cathedral ministries...

Get involved!

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| • Sunday School | Sunday morning during term time |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m. |

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