



# THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Advent 2

December 4, 2011

*Welcome!*

A warm welcome to Fr Geoff Hughes and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

*Today's Liturgy:*



**8 am** Holy Eucharist (1662)      **10.30 am** Solemn Eucharist.

**Mass Setting:** The Taize Mass. (The Gloria chant is not sung during Advent)

**Prelude:** 'Reverie' (T. Tertius Noble) **Postlude:** 'Wachet Auf!' (Marcel Dupre.)

**Hymns.**

**Introit:** 14 **Gradual:** 12 **Offertory:** 9 **Communion:** 276 **Postcommunion:** 18

The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Chapel of Our Lady at the back of the Church during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

## *Collect.*

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## *Readings.*



### **First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are as grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

## Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. \* As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared\* in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'



## *Prayers.*



**WE PRAY** for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Irene Waters, Ben Chisnall and Denise Walker.

**WE PRAY** for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Lawrence McGoverne, David McGill, Douglas Earwaker and John Carruthers.

## *News and Notes.*

**St Andrew's, Maheno.** Today Bishop Kelvin Wright is joining the congregation at St Andrew's, Maheno as they celebrate 125 years of parish life. Fr. Bernard is joining them, as this is his home church – and playing the organ! Thank you to Fr. Geoff Hughes for standing in today.

**The Holy Eucharist is celebrated,** in the Lady Chapel on **Thursday at 10 am.**

**Observances:** (6) Nicholas of Myrna (8) CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY.

**Monday Club** meets in the Hall from 10 am.

**Festive Pot Luck Lunch, NEXT** Sunday, December 11, after the Solemn Eucharist.

**Brass Cleaning:** Everyone is invited to join in the cleaning of the brass on Saturday, December 17 – 10.30am in the Parish Lounge. Festive treats!

**Nine Lessons and Carols:** The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday December 18. 7pm. This is always a moving and memorable service. Fr Carl and Fr Geoff will officiate.

**Fr. Hugh Bowron:** The Installation of our new Parish Priest, Fr. Hugh Bowron will be on **Thursday, February 2, 2012, 7.00pm.**

## *Christmas Liturgies.*



*Saturday, December 24. Christmas Eve:*

**11pm Carols and Festive Organ Music**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass: Preacher Bishop Kelvin Wright**

*Sunday, December 25. Christmas Day:*

**8am Holy Eucharist (1662) 10.30am Solemn Eucharist and Carols.**

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