



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Advent 3

December 11, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Fr Bernard Wilkinson 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: Aria (Charles Callahan) **Postlude:** Improvisation on 'Hills of the North'.
(Healey Willan)

Hymns.

Introit: 6 **Gradual:** 8 **Offertory:** 1 (T. Dunedin) **Communion:** 294
Postcommunion: 443.

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 followed by the Festive Pot Luck Luncheon in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Gospel: John 1:6-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they

asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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, Richard Wyatt (UK) and Denise Walker.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially William Forrest, Allen Paterson, John Jerome, William Tubman, John Dougherty and Marjorie Garth.

News and Notes.

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

Observances: (13) Lucy (14) John of the Cross.

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am.

Festive Pot Luck Lunch, TODAY after the Solemn Eucharist. Everyone invited!

Vestry meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm

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

Nine Lessons and Carols: The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Next Sunday, at 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: Celebrant & Preacher Bishop Kelvin Wright

Sunday, December 25. Christmas Day:

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

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