



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Advent 4

December 18, 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: Postlude:

Hymns:

Introit: 11 **Gradual:** 186 **Offertory:** 9 **Communion:** 298 **Postcommunion:** 408

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 all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings.

First Reading: Isaiah Chapter 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew Chapter 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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 Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman, Nora Carson, David, John and Richard Tourelle and Noel McQuarrie.

News and Notes.

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

Observances: (21) THOMAS

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am.

The Rock: The new edition of the Rock is available today – copies in the Link and **at the back of church.**

Southern See: Copies of the Diocesan magazine are available in the Link.

Anglican Family Care and Christian World Service: There is a special display in the Parish Lounge today featuring the mission work of the Church at home and abroad.

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



*The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
TONIGHT, at 7pm.*

*The Christmas story in words and music. Fr Carl and Fr
Geoff will officiate.*

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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CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2011

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Just as God promised to protect Mary through motherhood, CWS believes all families should have assurance of support.

Timor Leste is a new country, with extreme poverty and a recent history of violence. Many parents are unable to provide for their children.

The Dominican sisters care for these young people alongside those left orphaned. Teenagers are trained in gardening, agriculture and other livelihood skills. The children learn to produce their own food and share the surplus with others in need. Feeding and supporting each other strengthens the community, and makes sharing the care a fact of life.



You can contribute to CWS work, using the Christmas Appeal envelope available in our pews.