



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Christmas 2

January 1, 2012

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.

Hymns:

Introit: 39 **Gradual:** 40 **Offertory:** 258 **Communion:** 44 (T.282)
Postcommunion: 417

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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings.



First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 Arthur Hill, Mary Wood, Marjorie Welch and William Bloxham (Priest).

News and Notes.



The Holy Eucharist and Devotions of Our Lady of Walsingham will be celebrated, in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

Observances: (1) CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD (2) Seraphim of Sarov (6) EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.

Bereavement: Arnold Bachop's sister Olive, passed away during the week. Our sympathy is extended to Arnold and family.

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

The Social Justice Commission of the Anglican Church has provided us with a booklet focusing on the contentious issue of Lignite coal mining in Southland, written by Waitati author, Rosemary Penwarden and copies are available at the back of church.

Mission Newsletters: New copies are available in the Link and in Church.

Historic Places Trust: The Historic Places Trust has awarded St Peter's Church, Vicarage and the Gardner's Cottage Category 1 status. This remarkable outcome could not have been achieved without the extraordinary work of Dr. Heather Brooks in compiling the report and pursuing the matter to its successful conclusion. Check the Parish Website for more detail!

Farewell: Fr. Bernard's time as Interim Temporary Priest is drawing to a close and he will be thanked for his much-appreciated ministry at a morning tea after the 10.30am Solemn Eucharist on Sunday January 22.

Thank you: Thank you to everyone who cleaned brass, arranged flowers, read, sang, and all the other things that went to make the Christmas Celebration at St Peter's so memorable.

2011 Nine Lessons and Carols: An excellent recording of the Nine Lessons and Carols is available on the Parish website. A wonderful occasion!

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