



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Epiphany

January 8, 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: 51 Gradual: 48 Offertory: 36 Communion: 52 Postcommunion: 47

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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings.



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-9

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at it’s rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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), Jean Allen and Denise Walker.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Francis Mumford, Robin Heaps, Janet Younie, Bill Tansley and John Peterson.

News and Notes.



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

Observances: (10) William Laud (12) Ailred (13) Hilary.

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 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.

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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