



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

2 December 2012

Advent 1

Lachrimae Amantis

What is there in my heart that you should sue
so fiercely for its love? What kind of care
brings you as though a stranger to my door
through the long night and in the icy dew

seeking the heart that will not harbour you,
that keeps itself religiously secure?
At this dark solstice filled with frost and fire
your passion's ancient wounds must bleed anew.

So many nights the angel of my house
has fed such urgent comfort through a dream
whispered "your lord is coming, he is close"

that I have drowsed half-faithful for a time
bathed in pure tones of promise and remorse:
"tomorrow I shall wake to welcome him."

Geoffrey Hill

*From Lachrimae, or Seven Tears figured in seven
passionate Pavans*

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The
Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the
Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly
invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after
the Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common
Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist (The Taize Mass)

HYMNS:

388 Jesus shall reign
18 Ye servants of the Lord
483 The Church of God a kingdom is
17 When in flesh the incarnate Word.
15 The Lord will come and not be slow

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

[1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2](#)

[Luke 21:25-28, 34-36](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Baruch 5:1-9](#)

[Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

Parish News

Today's Sermon is entitled "That Quality of End
Time Living." Paul has some advice for the new
Christians at Thessalonica about how to love one
another, and how to extend that love beyond the
borders of their faith community. This quality of life
will also enable them to live through any imaginable
catastrophe. But this style of end time living is not

achieved by gritting our teeth, and repeating to ourselves over and over again, "I must be a loving person." Rather it is a gift, as the Holy Spirit, the personalising person, gradually makes us come alive as the person God always wished us to be.

No Gloria A reminder that because Advent is a penitential season we do not say or sing the Gloria.

Christian World Service As Advent dawns our compassionate concern turns to the many in the third world who lack the necessities of life. Christian World Service is the ecumenical agency that translates New Zealand Christians desire to help into effective aid programmes that empower the world's poor. You will find CWS aid envelopes inset with this edition of the Pebble. A new feature this year is the option of giving a specific necessity of life to a third world person.

Confession Advent is an appropriate season to make one's confession, and can be arranged by contacting the Vicar.

Brass cleaning will take place on Friday 21 December At 10.30 am. All helpers appreciated.

Carol Services The Ecumenical Carol Service will be at St James Presbyterian Church in King Edward St on Sunday 16 December at 7 pm. The St Peter's Nine Lessons and Carols Service will be on the Sunday closest to Christmas 23 December also at 7 pm.

Film season resumes From mid to late January a series of the best religious films of recent years will be shown on successive Monday nights in the Vicarage. These will include the outstanding Finnish film that came out this year, "Letters to Fr Jacob," the Russian film, "The Island," and, "Molokai," the story of Fr Damien and his ministry on the leper island of Molokai. But moviegoers need to go to Mass first on those Monday evenings.

Rowan Williams lecture On Tuesday the Vicar will give the third of the Caversham lectures, explaining the theological sources of Rowan Williams take on the world, and how these have shaped his leadership of the Anglican Communion. It is entitled, "The Strange, Wonderful, Original and Bleak Theological World of Rowan Williams." The lecture will be given at 2 pm in the Parish centre for those who do not care to travel at night, and then again at 7.30 pm in the evening. It will be lighter in content and style than the last one on Karl Rahner.

Rock The November edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Palmer, Lawrence McGoverne and David MacGill.

Watchnight Service You are invited to see in the New Year at your parish Church as we celebrate the Liturgy of St Basil, preceded by a Vigil of Readings especially suitable for greeting the New Year, beginning at 10 pm. A social gathering in the Vicarage will follow this as we await midnight. Please let the Vicar know if you are available to read a lesson at this Service.

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