



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

8 December 2013

Advent 2, Year A

Listen. Put on Morning

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Waken into falling light.
A man's imagining
Suddenly may inherit
The handclapping centuries
Of his one minute in earth...
Listen. Put on lightbreak.
Waken into miracle.
The audience lies awake
Under the tenements
Under the sugar docks
Under the printed moments.
The centuries turn their locks
And open under the hill
Their inherited books and doors
All gathered to distil
Like happy berry pickers
One voice to talk to us
Yes listen. It carries away
The second and the years
Till the heart's in a jacket of snow
And the head's in a helmet white
And the song sleeps to be wakened
By the morning ear bright.
Listen. Put on morning.
Waken into falling light.

W.S. Graham

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 and Christmas potluck lunch in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Sung Eucharist this morning

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

(1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

407 Lord, thy word abideth

12 On Jordan's bank

500 Thy kingdom come, on bended knee

11 O come, O come Emmanuel.

9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)

[Romans 15: 4-9](#)

[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10](#)

[James 5: 7-10](#)

[Matthew 11: 2-11](#)

Parish News

Advent A reminder that we do not say or sing the Gloria in Advent as it is a penitential season. This means of course that it is a very appropriate time to make your confession, which can be arranged by making a time with the Vicar. Our Services begin this morning with the lighting of a candle in the Advent wreath.

Christmas lunch The Christmas lunch follows our 10.30 am Service today, in which our normal potluck lunch following the main Service on the second Sunday of the month will have some extra touches to give it a festival flavour. Please bring dishes and refreshments appropriate to the season. A warm invitation goes out to the 8 o'clockers to join us, and indeed all are welcome at this event.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens meet next on Monday. Please mention to Kate or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Rock The deadline for copy for the December edition of the Rock is at the earlier date than usual of Sunday 15 December.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 20 December at 10.30 am in the lounge. All helpers greatly appreciated.

Clearing away garden rubbish Yesterday a working bee removed the considerable build up of garden rubbish from the vicinity of the kitchen into a skip hired for the purpose. Grateful thanks to Tubby and Averil Hopkins, and to Rosemary and Harry Brown for their hard work in this connection. The gardens and grounds around the Church and Vicarage have been tended to a high standard, and are looking great, thanks to the sterling efforts of Tubby and Averil, and Rosemary and her daughter in law.

Christian World Service You will find the CWS Christmas Appeal envelope in today's edition of the Pebble. CWS writes: Typhoon Haiyan struck as we prepared to launch the Christmas Appeal on Advent Sunday. For some people it will raise the question as to which appeal they should give when they have limited funds. The needs in the Phillipines are very great at this time. We are asking people if they can give twice, once to the Phillipines Appeal and again to the Christmas Appeal.

Ecumenical Carol Service This year's Service will be on Wednesday 18 December at 6.30 pm in the park by St

Patrick's Basilica in Macandrew Rd. The park has recently been created by the Catholic parish, and they are rather proud of it.

Nine Lessons and Carols St Peter's Service of Nine Lessons and carols will be on Sunday 22 December at 7 pm.

Blessing of Fr Geoff Hughes headstone Yesterday the Vicar blessed Fr Geof Hughes tombstone at the Warrington cemetery one year on from his sad departure from us. The pastoral office of "The Unveiling of a Memorial," in the 1989 New Zealand Prayer book is of great assistance on these occasions.

Vicar at conference The Vicar will be away from Wednesday this week until Wednesday the following week at a theology conference in Auckland where the key note speaker will be Sarah Coakley, the Norris Hulse Professor of Divinity at Cambridge. The Vicar will be giving a paper entitled, "Wielding the Sacrificing Knife: the doctrine of Eucharistic Sacrifice in Anglo-Catholicism; a tale of ecclesial and theological conflict." He will then spend some time in Wellington with his new grandson Oscar.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm especially Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Roy Harris, Shirley Buxton, Joan Dutton and Denise Walker.

Pray for the Departed, those who have died recently, and those whose memorial occurs at this time: David MacGill, Douglas Earwaker, John Carruthers, William Forrest, Allan Peterson and John Jerome.

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