



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

15 December 2013

Advent 3, Year A

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

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 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:

5 Hark a Herald voice is calling
483 The Church of God a kingdom is
443 Rejoice the Lord is King
305 Soul of my Saviour
235 Forth in thy name

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 35: 1-6a
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

Parish News

Today We welcome Fr Roger Barker as our celebrant and preacher. The Vicar will be back on Wednesday.

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.

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

Christian World Service You will find the CWS Christmas Appeal envelope at the end of each pew. St Peter's has always supported this appeal generously.

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
Next Sunday [22 December] at
7 pm.

Wardens meeting highlights The guest preacher at next year's Patronal Festival will be the Revd Eric Kyte, Vicar of St John's Roslyn and the Vicar General. It was noted that 2015 will be the 150th anniversary of the parish. Planning for the celebration will need to start early next year. It was decided not to hold a Vestry meeting in December. It was noted with gratitude that a donation of \$500 has been received for the St Peter's renovation fund.

Other working bee objectives Last week's Pebble recorded the parish's gratitude for the clearing away of the build up of garden rubbish in the vicinity of the hall, and the gardening work that has brought our Church grounds up to a high standard. Other worthwhile future tasks include painting the Vicarage front fence, clearing the spouting and drain covers around the hall and the Church, and tidying up the fence lines and hedges. Please contact Tubby Hopkins if you feel you could help with any of these.

Christchurch Cathedral saga Recently the group campaigning to restore Christchurch Cathedral back to its original gothic state lost their appeal to the Supreme Court to preserve the landmark. They have vowed to fight on through two other cases still before the courts – one which was made as an interim decision to stop the demolition, and another that would force the diocese to explain how it would pay back insurance money used to construct the new cardboard Cathedral. They may also be hoping that the Historic Places Trust will withhold permission for the demolition to proceed. At the heart of the group's difficulty is the problem that they are trying to foist a building on the diocese of Christchurch that it no longer believes it wants. There always were liturgical and hospitality space limitations in the original building, and often during capacity crowd Services worshippers found themselves stuck behind pillars unable to see anything. Safety factors and the time it would take to restore the original also figure in the diocesan calculations, as does cost, perhaps the decisive factor. An insurance shortfall is anticipated, perhaps up to \$30 million, and there are 200 other buildings to repair, 38 of which sustained damage of over \$50,000.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm especially Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Coral Paris, Shirley Buxton, Joyce McQuarrie, Denise Walker, and Bishop George Connor

Pray for the Departed, those who have died recently, and those whose memorial occurs at this time: William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie garth, Stanley Gurney [Priest], Roger Swain, David Norman, Nora Carson and David, John and Richard Tourelle.

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