



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

November 30, 2014

Advent 1

We can certainly never believe, trust or love God more than, or even as much as, we should.

Extravagance is impossible. Here is no virtuous moderation, no measurable mean; the more extreme our activity, the better we are.

Thomas Aquinas

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

HYMNS:

466 Thou whose almighty word

18 Ye servants of the Lord

9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

1 Creator of the world, to thee

15 The Lord will come and not be slow

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 3-9](#)

[Mark 13: 33-37](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11](#)

[2 Peter 3: 8-14](#)

[Mark 1: 1-18](#)

Parish News

Christian World Service Appeal This morning's Pebble contains an appeal envelope and explanatory literature about the CWS Christmas appeal, which this parish supports. It is commended to you for your generous support.

A difficult letter for difficult people St Paul had spent a year and a half with the newly formed Corinthian Church

working hard to get the message across that their new life in Christ meant a break with the pagan assumptions of their background culture. Now, while on his travels, he is told that they have brought the baggage of their former way of life into their Church life. In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul sets out on that most difficult of tasks, writing a letter of rebuke to difficult people in such a way that they will take on board what he has to say, rather than screwing the letter up and throwing it away. As we reflect on his words of wisdom we learn much about the Advent hope, particularly about its forward looking nature, and its encouragement to drop a nostalgic longing for a past we may be longing to retreat into.

Financial facts pamphlet Have you received a copy of our financial facts pamphlet yet? It has been sent out to everyone on the parish roll. With two months to run in the 2014 budget it is both a report back aiming to inform, and also a request for assisting action where necessary. Please let the Vicar know if you would like a copy.

Next Frances Hodgkin's housegroup The final meeting for the year of the Frances Hodgkin's housegroup will be on Monday 8 December at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Nine Lessons and Carols Our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 21 December at 7 pm. Christmas day this year falls on a Thursday.

Thursday Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on Friday 19 December - helpers most welcome.

Rock Copies of this month's edition of the Rock are available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

St Barnabas weekly Service Please note that the weekly Eucharist celebrated by the Vicar has now moved from Tuesday at 11 am to Wednesday 11 am at the request of the regular communicants there.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, George and Nonie Connor and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time

Michael Palmer, Winifried Dowell, Raimier Glen, and Lawrence McGoverne.

Last Sunday's Concert raised \$700 towards the cost of the new church sound system. The concert was very well attended and our thanks to all concerned for the wonderful programme.

Theosophy Centre opens in Hillside road After much local speculation as to the eventual fate of the Fitzroy Hotel it has now reopened dispensing a different kind of spirit as the Dunedin centre of the Theosophy movement. Founded in the 19th century by Madam Blavatsky, a Russian woman with hypnotic staring eyes, it purports to be tolerantly interested in all world religions, with a particular interest in eastern religions, and to be about realising the spiritual potentialities of humankind. In fact it is based on gnosticism, the deeply mistaken set of spiritual beliefs that this evil corrupt world can be escaped into higher spiritual realities through secret knowledge held by an esoteric few. Some branches dabble in spiritualism, others in a weird mimicking of the Tridentine Mass, others are based on a melange of tired New Age ideas. While much of it is the usual nuttiness and nonsense of off beat spiritual movements, there is a sinister undertow to it all, for Madam Blavtsky proclaimed that Satan is not an evil spiritual force but is rather the light bringer (Lucifer in fact means this) and a source of spiritual enlightenment.

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