



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

14 December, 2014

Advent 3

Collect for Today

O Lord Jesu Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy
messenger
to prepare the way before thee:
Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy
mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy
way,
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy
sight,
who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end.

Book of Common Prayer

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:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

483 The Church of God a kingdom is

11 O come, O come, Emmanuel

14 The advent of our God

494 Christ is the world's true light

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24](#)

[John 1: 6-8, 19-28](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16](#)

[Romans 16: 25-27](#)

[Luke 1: 26-38](#)

Parish News

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

BBQ at Nigel's There will be a BBQ at Nigel Westbrook's 92 Hargest Crescent on Tuesday evening beginning at 5 pm. While this end of year social gathering is particularly

intended for the housegroup that began its life at Nigel's some months back it is open to all parishioners, who would be most welcome. Nigel's house is within the lee of the former St Peter the Less mission Church of this parish. Please bring a salad and/or something to drink.

Vestry news Last month's Vestry meeting decided to raise the functional replacement insurance valuation on the Church to \$1.7 million, and to reduce the cover on the Vicarage to \$580,000. This reflects the fact that in the event of a rebuild the parish would not wish to replicate the present large two storey dwelling, but would instead opt for a single story contemporary four bedroomed dwelling. The hall and contents insurance remain the same, though the pulpit, altar and reredos are separately listed and valued for full replacement at \$70,000. Our earthquake cover remains. It was noted that some of our regular hall users have faded away, and it was decided to advertise in such a way as to gain two new regular hall users. The sound system will be updated in February as the money collected for this purpose will be helpful as an operational reserve to carry the parish through the traditionally financially lean month of January.

Christmas at St Peter's.

Sunday 21 December, 7 pm. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Wednesday December 24, Christmas Eve, 11 pm: Carols, Midnight Mass of the Nativity and blessing of the Crib by Candlelight.

Thursday December 25, Christmas Day:

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Sung Solemn Eucharist and Carols.

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 Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), John Jerome, William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman, and Nora Carson.

Christian World Service Appeal The Christian World Service Christmas appeal is commended to you for your generous support. Literature about CWS projects and appeal gift envelopes can be found on the display table at the back of the Church set aside for this purpose.

New Year's Eve Watchnight Service The poster advertising our Christmas Services has gone up on the Hillside Rd public noticeboard. You will see listed there the Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve starting at 10.30 pm, and timed to conclude close to the Midnight seeing in of the New Year. The Service consists of a Vigil of Readings and accompanying prayers, together with suitable hymns. It concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist according to the Liturgy of St Basil, which we use on special occasions. This is a wonderful and most appropriate way to see out the old year and see in the new.

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

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