



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

ADVENT 1

EXPECTING THE LORD

Being myself so corrupted
With the forsaking life I lead,
To be on your holy mountain
Is high privilege indeed;
There the veils are rent, and coverings
Destroyed from that time forth,
And there is your excelling glory
On the transient things of earth.

O to keep at that high drinking
Where the streams of great salvation flow,
Till I'm utterly disthirsted
For the transient things below!
To live and my Lord always expected!
To be, when he comes, up and awake!
Quick as a flash to open for him!
Enjoy him without stint or break!

Anne Griffiths

Translated from the Welsh by Tony Conran

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)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

388 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

18 Ye servants of the Lord

9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

2 O heavenly Word, eternal Light (T. 'Dunedin')

405 Lord of the boundless curves of space (T. "London New")

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jeremiah 33: 14-16](#)

[Psalm 25](#) The response to the Psalm is:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Baruch 5: 1-9](#)

[Psalm 125](#)

[Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11](#)

[Luke 3: 1-6](#)

Parish News

La Corona This evening we are having a special Service at 5 pm that will be a meditative reflection on John Donne's "La Corona" sequence of poems in which Mary reflects on key events in Christ's life. An appropriate Scripture reading accompanies each poem, together with a personal reflection by parishioners on the particular theme of the poem, and an accompanying piece of suitable Jacobean music.

Evensong and Benediction Next Sunday at 5 pm.

Christmas appeal St Peter's commends and supports Christian World Service's "Help Rebuild Lives" Christmas Appeal. Please generously support this through the appeal envelope in today's Pebble.

Brass Cleaning Pre-Christmas brass cleaning will take place on Friday 18 December at 10.30 am.

Raffle Raffle tickets are on sale after the 8am and 10.30 am Services as a fund raiser for St Peter's.

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

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Olive Burt and Denise Walker.

Vicar on leave The Vicar will be away this week until Saturday evening. Please contact the Revd Eric Kyte, Vicar of St Johns Roslyn at 464 0240 in the event of a pastoral emergency.

Frances Hodgkins The Vicar's monthly Frances Hodgkins Service now moves to Thursday 10 December because of his holiday plans. The FH house group will meet on Monday 7 December at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Nine Lessons and Carols On Sunday 20 December St Peters will have its Nine Lessons and Carols Service in the morning at 10.30 am. Following a growing trend in South Island parishes Nine Lessons and Carols moves to the morning time when far more people are likely to attend, but with this difference - given the strong Eucharistic tradition of this parish the Service will conclude with a brief Eucharistic prayer and communion.

Reading a lesson at Nine Lessons and Carols Please sign the notice on the parish link noticeboard if you would like to read a lesson at this Service.

New hall booking number Please phone 453 4621, David Hoskins' new phone number, to make a hall booking.

Thursday Eucharist is celebrated at 10 am in the Lady Chapel at the west end of the Church.

Meditation group meets at Joan Dutton's house after the Thursday morning Eucharist, a great opportunity to deepen your prayer life. Ph 455 7948 for further information.

The parish year in review Last week's Vestry meeting considered the major events of 2015 at St Peter's. Here are the highlights:

There were the obvious big events such as the Christchurch Cathedral Choir visit for the Patronal Festival, hosting the Diocesan Sunday Synod Service and providing the Synod breakfast afterwards, the 150th anniversary celebrations with guest organist Douglas Mews and guest preacher and celebrant Bishop Victoria Matthews. But let's not forget our own Bishop Kelvin Wright presiding and preaching at the Easter Vigil, Confirming Christine Reese and Receiving Brian Kilkelly, and the Spring Flower festival making its second guest appearance at St Peter's. A new initiative was the Lenten extra of the Friday early evening Eucharist and dialogue sermon with a fish and chip tea following, which seemed to chime in with the rhythm of parishioners lives and will become a normal part of Lent at St Peter's. Another new beginning was Evensong and Benediction on the first Sunday of each month at 5 pm, with a social hour to follow. Though modestly attended it strikes a chord with a significant group and will continue as part of the new normal of parish life. Other Services begun in recent years have now taken their place as part of the annual liturgical line up - the Pentecost Vigil Service and the Watchnight Service, both of which include a Vigil of Readings and the celebration of a westernised version of the Liturgy of St Basil. Other innovations were the beautiful Christmas tableau created within the High Altar, which also will be a returning feature of parish life, and the publication of the Parish Mass Booklet replacing the pamphlet like Service booklet that kept being taken away.

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