



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

DECEMBER 6, 2015

ADVENT 2

LAST NIGHT, AS I LAY DREAMING

Last night, as I was sleeping,
I dreamt - marvellous error! -
that a spring was breaking
Out in my heart
I said: Along which secret aqueduct,
Oh water, are you coming to me,
water of a new life
that I have never drunk

Last night, as I was sleeping,
I dreamt - marvellous error! -
that I had a beehive
here inside my heart.
And the golden bees
were making white combs
and sweet honey
from my old failures.

Last night, as I was sleeping,
I dreamt - marvellous error! -
that a fiery sun was giving
light inside my heart.
It was fiery because it felt
warmth as from a hearth,
and sun because it gave light
and brought tears to my eyes

Last night, as I slept,
I dreamt - marvellous error! -
that it was God I had
here inside my heart

Antonio Machado

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:

3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
15 The Lord will come and not be slow
304 Once, only once, and once for all
308 Thee we adore (T.Ellers/250)
306 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Baruch 5: 1-9](#)

[Psalm 126](#) The response to the Psalm is:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

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

[Luke 3: 1-60](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Zephaniah 3: 14-18](#)

[Philippians 4: 4-7](#)

[Luke 3: 10-18](#)

Parish News

Today's sermon is called "A new people for a new age." Paul and the Philippian Christians he is writing to are working to a different time scale compared to their contemporaries. They assume that the present age with all its demands on their affairs of daily living is in fact wearing out and wearing thin. Into this situation Paul gives advice about one commentator has called "beautiful living." It concerns what happens when the Holy Spirit is allowed to take the lead in a Christian's life in a variety of character change initiatives.

Evensong and Benediction Tonight at 5 pm.

Christmas appeal St St Peter's commends and supports Cristian World Service's "Help Rebuild Lives" Christmas Appeal. Your contribution through the appeal envelope helps people in the third world with little or nothing to have a better life.

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.

Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time Michael Palmer, Winifried Dowell, Raimer Glen, Lawrence McGoverne, Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), David McGill, Douglas Earwaker, John Carruthers, William Forrest and Allen Paterson.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens will meet on Wednesday. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Kate Paterson or Tubby Hopkins.

Frances Hodgkins The Vicar's monthly Frances Hodgkins Service will be on Thursday. The FH house group will meet on Monday at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Nine Lessons and Carols On Sunday 20 December St Peter's will have its Nine Lessons and Carols Service in the morning at 10.30 am. 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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