



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

DECEMBER 13, 2015

ADVENT 3

A HYMN OF GLORY TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory to God the Father
And to the Son who reigns over all.
Glory to the Spirit, All-Holy,
To whom praise is fitting.
This is the Single God, the Trinity,
Who created all things that are;
Who filled the heavens with spiritual beings,
The land with earthly creatures,
The oceans, rivers, springs,
With all aquatic living things.
Out of his own Spirit he gives life
to all that lives.

So that all created life can sing out praise
To the wisdom of the Maker;
That single cause of their existence,
Their continuing subsistence.
But more than all other things,
Rational Nature must sing out
That he is the great King, Good Father.
And so, my Father, grant to me
In spirit and in soul, in heart and in voice,
In purity of heart
To give you the glory. Amen.

*St Gregory of Nazianzus
Hymn 1, Patrologia*

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:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

11 O come, O come, Emmanuel

275 Blessed Jesu, Mary's Son

7 Hills of the North, rejoice

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Zephaniah 3: 14-18](#)

Responsorial Canticle [Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6](#)

The response is: **Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel**

[Philippians 4: 4-7](#)

[Luke 3: 10-18](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (at 8 am)

[Micah 5: 1-4](#)

[Luke 1: 39-44](#)

Parish News

Gaudete Sunday On this third Sunday in Advent the mood
lightens in this penitential season to a theme of rejoicing that the
Lord is near, and that his coming to us both in this life and at the
end of history to fulfil the human story is assured.

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

Christmas appeal 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 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. We just need to sell 10 tickets today to be in a position to draw the raffle. Already it has raised \$280 for parish funds.

The developing Flag saga Parishioners may recall that two of our Anglican Communion flags were stolen from the flag pole in reasonably rapid succession. One was returned and run up the flag pole last week, with the Vicar sighting an apprehensive and sheepish looking teenager exiting the tower vicinity about an hour beforehand. Last Saturday night an attempt was made to return the second flag in a similar manner but something went wrong and the halyard became entangled on the tower power points, with the result that the flag slumped on the flagpole cradle. Swift action by a couple of 8 o'clock attendees got the flag down to safety.

Nine Lessons and Carols Next Sunday 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.

Christmas tableau The Christmas tableau will be inserted in the altar in the coming week in time for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.

Display a poster Are you able to display an attractive A 3 poster in a public place advertising either our Nine Lessons and Carols Service or our Christmas and New Year's Eve Services? Please contact the Vicar if you can help in this way.

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.

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

Changes at Diocesan Office A restructuring of roles at the Diocesan Office has seen the abolition of the role of Diocesan Manager and the consequent departure of Graeme Sykes, with instead the Diocesan Accountant Ginny Kitchingham having her role expanded to become the Diocesan Treasurer, the Bishop's PA Debbie Flintoff now becoming the Diocesan Registrar, and Dominique Aitcheson remaining as the Accounts Clerk. The Diocesan Communications Officer position now becomes redundant due to lack of further funding, and the under 40's educator Benjamin Brock-Smith departs for St Johns for ministerial training with his position not being replaced. This new realignment is to be welcomed since Ginny, Debbie and Dominique are efficient and effective and will transact the key business of the diocese in a timely manner with a consequent follow on reduction in administration costs.

No Lord's Prayer please, we're British The Church of England's communications department thought it had come up with a catchy idea when it put together an attractive commercial with people in different work places and life situations each saying a line of the Lord's Prayer as an encouragement for the English to take time out for prayer in the lead up to Christmas. Aimed at cinema audiences, the project has run into a major snag with the major cinema chains refusing to place the advertisement on the grounds that it might offend some people. Even militant atheist Richard Dawkins has opposed the ban, the Prime Minister has declared it to be ridiculous and the equality and human rights commission has said that no-one has the right to be cocooned against all possible offence. A leading ad man has however said that all religious groups should be banned from advertising.

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