



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

27 November 2016

Advent 1

The Great 'O's of Advent

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High, filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth; come and teach us the way of truth.

O Lord of Lords, and ruler of the House of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and gave him the law on Sinai: come with your outstretched arm and ransom us.

O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations; kings will keep silence before you whom the nations long; come and save us and delay no longer.

O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death.

O morning star, splendour of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness: come and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

O king of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: cornerstone, binding all together: come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, hope of the nations and their saviour: come and save us, O Lord our God.

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 after the Solemn Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist & Baptism

HYMNS:

388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

8 Ye servants of the Lord

405 Lord of the boundless curves of space

15 The Lord will come and not be slow

251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)

The response to [Psalm 122](#) is:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

[Romans 13: 11-14](#)

[Matthew 24: 37-44](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)

[Romans 15: 4-9](#)

[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Veni Emmanuel* from *First Religious Suite for Organ*
Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

PARISH NEWS

Baptism This morning's 10.30 am Service will begin with the baptism of Karsyn Rex Ludlow. Karsyn's brother Aspen was baptised here two years ago. We will gather around the font for this joyous occasion.

Brass cleaning The pre-Christmas cleaning of the church brass will take place on Thursday 22 December 10.30 am. All helpers welcome.

Readers requested for Nine Lessons and Carols The Nine Lessons and Carols Service will take place on Sunday 18 December at 10.30 am. If you wish to read a lesson at this Service please sign the notice in the Link.

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

Evensong and Benediction next Sunday at 5 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the lounge.

Christian World Service Christmas appeal You will find a CWS Christmas appeal envelope in this morning's edition of the Pebble. CWs writes, "Conflict and war are driving 80% of humanitarian need according to the UN. Refugee children need adequate health care and the promise of a future that comes with education. We may not be able to stop the violence but we can make sure people facing it have the support and the skills to get by."

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Brent Henderson, Vera McLeod, Dorrie Molloy, Michael Palmer, Winifred Dowell and Raimer Glen.

Final Caversham Lecture This Tuesday Evening.

The fifth Caversham lecture on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Parish Lounge is entitled "Exploring and Exploiting the Secrets of Life itself: wonderful possibilities and potential perils." Bio-ethicist and St Matthews's parishioner Don Evans will examine the life enhancing and life extending possibilities of current stem cell research and the ethical dilemmas they present.

Episcopal election Archbishop Phillip Richardson has appointed Bishop Jim White, the assistant Bishop of Auckland, to be the bishop who will preside over Dunedin's episcopal electoral Synod. It is anticipated that this will be held a month or two after Bishop Kelvin retires at the end of April 2017.

Diocesan overview As the year draws to a close there has been good news for the diocese in a number of key appointments with Selwyn College having appointed James Lovelock, who is at present the legal manager of Webb Farry, manager of the Otago Volts cricket team and a Presbyterian Elder, as its new Warden, together with the recent institution of the Revd Gary Griffiths-Smith to Gore. Gary had an outstanding ministry at St Matthews Dunedin in former years. Two promising young clergy have been priested this year, Max Whitaker who is at Holy Trinity Invercargill at present and Brett Roberts who is curate of St Johns Roslyn. The Revd Vivienne Galletly will retire from Milton-Tuapeka next month. Henceforth the parish will no longer have a resident Vicar with the Vicarage being sold and Sunday Services being provided by a priest from a neighbouring parish. The Revd Ruth Doig has retired from Port Chalmers with the Revd Esther Clark-Prebble providing interim ministry until a new part time appointment can be made there.

Christmas open homes The Coastal Unity Parish has organised a tour of three homes decorated to celebrate the festive season on Sunday 4 December from 2 pm to 4.30 pm together with Christmas gift sales and complimentary Christmas nibbles. Tickets \$10 pp available from Coastal Unity Parish office 72 Thorn Street, phone 487 6367: email: cavypress@xtra.co.nz

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