



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

18 December 2016

Advent 4

The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe

This air, which, by life's law,
My lung must draw and draw
Now but to breathe its praise,
Minds me in many ways
Of her who not only
Gave God's infinity
Dwindled to infancy
Welcome in womb and breast,
Birth, milk, and all the rest
But mothers each new grace
That now does reach our race.

Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. (1844-1889)

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 Nine Lessons and Carols and Eucharist

HYMNS:

(as for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service - see Service
booklet)

READINGS FOR TODAY

(as for the Nine Lessons and Carol Service)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 52: 7-10](#)

[Hebrews 1: 1-6](#)

[John 1: 1-18](#)

PARISH NEWS

Nine Lessons and Carols Welcome to our Nine Lessons and Carols Service this morning at 10.30 am. This Service concludes with Holy Communion.

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

Christmas at Frances Hodgkins Taking account of the fact that many Frances Hodgkins residents will not get the opportunity to make their Christmas communion because they will be attending family Christmas dinners, and that Services at Frances Hodgkins are so well attended, the Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist there on Saturday morning 24 December at 11

am. The usual 6 pm St Barnabas Service will take place on Christmas Eve.

The fate of Holy Cross St Kilda The Church of Holy Cross St Kilda has been sold to a church going Anglican couple now resident in Sydney who intend to turn it into a house so that they can come to live in it in South Dunedin. The removal of the four windows was under way as the Pebble went to press. It is anticipated that they will be safely stored at St Peter's before Christmas in especially constructed storage crates.

Watchnight Service St Peter's concludes this year of grace with a candlelit Vigil of Readings and hymns that culminates with a celebration of the Eucharist according to the rite of St Basil. This Service begins at 10.30 pm on Saturday night 31 December and is followed by a social gathering with refreshments in the lounge to see in the New Year.

New Selwyn appointment Acting swiftly to fill the vacancy left by the unexpected resignation of Selwyn College's recently appointed Warden the University, with Selwyn Board approval, has appointed Ashley Day as the interim Warden with a brief to bring the College's protocols and procedures in to line with recent legislative changes and increased managerial requirements. The son of an Anglican clergyman (his Father rebuilt St Mary's Mornington) Ashley Day is an experienced residential hall head whose appointments have included University College, Carrington and the recently created Te Rangi Hiroa.

Wellington cathedral back in business The demolition cordon around Wellington Cathedral has now been lifted in time for Christmas Services to resume.

Christian World Service Christmas appeal You will find a CWS Christmas appeal envelope close by in a nearby pew. Please give generously to the 2016 Christmas Appeal.

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 John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger

Swain, David Norman, Nora Corson, John, David and Richard Tourelle, Noel McQuarrie and Francis Hore.

Changes to St Peter's Christmas Services This year the Christmas Midnight Service moves forward in its start time to 10.30 pm and is intended to conclude around Midnight or a little before that. Instead of half an hour's carol singing followed by a Solemn Sung Eucharist there will be a candlelit Service of Carols and Readings (this part of the Service will have the Church in darkness and lit by candles in the pews) that will then segue into the Great Thanksgiving Prayer of the first Mass of Christmas, at which point the lights will be turned on. The 8 am Holy Communion Service will be as usual. The 10.30 am Christmas day Service will be a relatively simple Service using the first Eucharistic Liturgy in the New Zealand Prayer book accompanied by four carols. These changes take account of the reality that increasingly locals, including parishioners, celebrate Christmas away from Dunedin and that elderly parishioners are reluctant to come out to late evening Services. The 10.30 am Christmas Day Service is increasingly attended by out of town families whom we have never seen before who want a straightforward relatively brief Service with some carols before they proceed on to Christmas dinner with Dunedin relatives. The candlelit Vigil type of Service that will be used on Christmas Eve works well with more modest numbers and provides a more numinous unhurried ambience than the busy complex Service that was used in former years. It is a kind of Service that has proved to be popular and effective at the Easter Vigil, the Pentecost Vigil Service and the New Year's Eve Watchnight Service.

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