



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

24 December 2017

Advent 4

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

F.Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY

As per Nine Lessons and Carols Service booklet

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14](#)

[Colossians 3: 12-21](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to the parishioners of Holy Cross, St Kilda who are joining us this morning for our Nine Lessons and Carols Service. They will be participating in the Service by reading some of the lessons.

Rock Copies of the latest edition of the Rock can be uplifted from the back of the Church or in the Link.

Warden's meeting It was decided not to proceed with the installation of a log burner in the Vicarage because of the high cost of the quote. It was resolved to replace the roof of the Vicarage garage. The Jean Allan bequest will soon become available to the parish and it was resolved, in consultation with the Vestry, that the money would be invested in the St Peter's Renovation Fund, which is invested in the Diocesan Trust Board's Growth Fund.

Watchnight Service New Year's Eve occurs next Sunday. As is our custom we see in the New Year with a 10.30 pm candlelit Vigil Service and Eucharist followed by a social

gathering in the lounge. Please sign the notice if you can assist by reading a lesson.

Epiphany Carol Service A new Service we are introducing next year is the Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 7 January at 10.30 am. Similar in structure to the Nine Lessons and Carols Service it takes advantage of the wonderful Epiphany music that we often glide over because of the great New Zealand shut down.

Go Margo It would seem that Margo Barton's triumphant conclusion to our Caversham lectures season with her emerging fashion presentation was just a taste of things to come with news out this past week that she is to be Chairwoman of the ID Dunedin Fashion Week with a new emphasis on emerging fashion, which is apparently what the public want to see, and a new location at the Town Hall.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal Please give generously to the CWS Christmas appeal that brings hope and relief to many in the third world.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December:

6 pm Eucharist at St Barnabas

10.30 pm A candlelit Service of Carols, Readings and first Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

9 am Holy Communion (1662) with Carols

Please pray for Olivia, Tom and Lucy Williams who are to be baptised at St Peter's mid-January.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Joan Dutton, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill, Max Stacey and Jonathan Gillies.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Noel McQuarrie, Francis Hore, William Littler, Doreen Fraser, Lena Holmes and Christopher Holden.

The ruining of a reputation Until recently Bishop George Bell was one of the most admired Anglicans of the 20th century. A supporter of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Confessing Church he was one of the first to alert the outside world to the truth of what Nazi Germany was up to, and later took a leading role in assisting the refugee resettlement of Jewish children to Britain before the war. During the war he opposed in the House of Lords Britain's carpet bombing of German cities. He was also a notable ecumenist. After his death in 1958 a Church of England School in the diocese of Chichester was named after him and he was given a special name day in the C of E's calendar of Christians of note. Then last year it was announced that a complainant under the pseudonym of "Carol" had on the balance of probabilities been sexually abused by Bell when she was 9 years old. The C of E issued an apology to her and paid her 16,800 pounds in reparation. Supporters of Bell were outraged and challenged the legality of the proceedings that had been shrouded in secrecy. In response an independent review was carried out by Lord Carlile who found serious shortcomings in the procedures employed. He noted that no-one had been appointed to represent Bell's interests, that his domestic Chaplain who had seen him all day every day in the period in question had not been approached, and that the case relied heavily on "recovered memories," an unreliable source in those over 63 where there is no corroborating evidence. Had the case gone to court it would in all probability have failed. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Chichester have apologised for the shortcomings in the procedures employed but stand by the decision reached and the public naming of Bell. Meanwhile the school named after him has had an abrupt name change and portraits of him have been taken down.

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