



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

9 December 2018

Advent 2

John the Baptist *by Thomas Merton*

When, for the fifteenth year, Tiberius Caesar
Cursed, with his reign, the Roman world,
Sharing the Near-East with a tribe of tetrarchs,
The Word of God was made in far off province:
Deliverance from the herd of armoured cattle,
When, from the desert, John came down to Jordan.

But his prophetic messages
Were worded in a code the Scribes were not prepared to
understand
Where, in their lexicons, was written: "Brood of vipers,"
Applied, that is, to them?

"Who is this Lamb, Whose love
Shall fall upon His people like an army:
Who is this Saviour, Whose sandal-latchet
This furious Precursor is afraid to loose?"

This is the day your scrutiny shall fear
A terrible and peaceful angel, dressed in skins,
Knowing it is your greedy eyes, not his, that die of hunger.
For God has known and loved him, from his mother's womb,
Remembering his name, filling his life with grace,
Teaching him prophecy and wisdom,
To burn before the face of Christ,
Name Him and vanish, like a proclamation

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at
the communion rail 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

HYMNS

12 On Jordan's bank

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

7 Hills of the North, rejoice

2 O heavenly Word of God on high (t.358b)

407 Lord, thy word abideth

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Baruch 5: 1-9](#)

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

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

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

[Luke 3: 1-6](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Zephaniah 3: 14-18](#)

[Philippians 4: 4-7](#)

[Luke 3: 10-18](#)

PARISH NEWS

Potluck lunch As is our custom a potluck lunch follows this morning's 10.30 am Service. All welcome. We take a break from this in January.

Tuesday's Caversham lecture The Caversham lecture season has been extended by one week as Dr Nicola Hoggard-Creegan, a systematic theologian who has written and lectured extensively on the theological implications of the animal

creation, examines the changes an evolutionary and ecological perspective might bring to our awareness of animal life. As she writes "All aspects of Christian theology impact on animals, how we relate to them and their ultimate fate."

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

New 10.30 am roster The new roster of liturgical duties at the 10.30am Service running through until the end of May, the Easter season, is available at the back of the church. Each of them is named and colour coded for ease of working out which Sundays you are on.

Thursday Service morning tea There will be a morning tea for the Thursday worshippers this coming Thursday after the 10 am Service.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 21 December at 10.30 am in the lounge - to have the Church looking its best for Christmas - your attendance would be very much appreciated. Contact Gay Webb phone 476 1613.

Readers for Nine Lessons and Carols Please sign the notice on the Link noticeboard if you would like to read a lesson at the Nine Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday 23 December at 10.30 am.

Watchnight Service New Year's Eve occurs just over three weeks from now on Monday evening 31 December. As is our custom we see in the New Year with a candlelit Vigil Service and Eucharist followed by a social gathering in the lounge. Please sign the relevant notice if you can assist by reading a lesson.

Christmas appeal This year's Christian World Service appeal is entitled *Be the Lifeline*. Give generously to help the poorest of the poor in the third world.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele and Jennifer Parmenter.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Douglas Earwaker, John Carruthers, William Forrest, Allan Paterson and John Jerome.

Further funding grant to Taranaki Cathedral project At 172 years old the Taranaki Anglican cathedral is the oldest stone church in New Zealand. It is currently closed for worship as it is an earthquake risk. Earthquake strengthening and renovation work is expected to cost \$15 million. The lotteries heritage fund has just announced a \$500,000 grant towards the project, with \$5 million already promised from the government's provincial growth fund. Work is expected to start in August of next year. In Archbishop David Moxon's time the diocese of Waikato St Mary's Taranaki was raised to the status of a Cathedral along with the informal dividing of the diocese with Bishop Phillip Richardson being given responsibility for the Taranaki region. Thus the Waikato diocese has two Cathedrals, one in Hamilton and one in Taranaki. Since the departure of Bishop Anne Hartley the diocese has only one Bishop, Archbishop now Richardson, as that is all it can afford.

Season of dance films The promised season of dance films begins in January on successive Saturday afternoons in the Vicarage at 2 pm beginning with *Mao's Last Dancer* on 12 January about Li Cunxin's remarkable journey from Mao's cultural revolution to becoming an acclaimed dancer in the west. Then on 19 January *Balanchine* about George Balanchine, trained at Russia's Maryinsky theatre, who became the "father of American ballet." Then on 26 January *Suzanne Farrell: Elusive Muse*, a candid account of her complex relationship with Balanchine.

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