



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

23 December 2018

Advent 4

Annunciation by Denise Levertov

She had been a child who played, ate, slept
like any other child – but unlike others,
wept only for pity, laughed
in joy not triumph.
Compassion and intelligence
fused in her, indivisible.
Called to a destiny more momentous
than any in all of Time,
she did not quail, only asked
a simple, “How can this be?”
and gravely courteously, took to heart the angel’s reply,
perceiving instantly
the astounding ministry she was offered:
to bear in her womb
Infinite weight and lightness; to carry
in hidden, finite inwardness,
nine months of Eternity; to contain
in slender vase of being,
the sum of power –
in narrow flesh, the sum of light.
Then bring to birth, push out into birth, a Man-child
Needing like any other,
Milk and love – but who was God.

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 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Eucharist

HYMNS AND READINGS FOR TODAY

See Service booklet for Nine Lessons and Carols Service

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28](#)

[1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24](#)

[Luke 2: 41-52](#)

PARISH NEWS

Sayonara Roly If Fr Carl thought he had been at Caversham for a long time at 25 years his record has been eclipsed by local Baptist Pastor Roly Scott who says goodbye to Caversham Baptist on Sunday 27 January, 35 years to the day since he first started.

Watchnight Service New Year’s Eve occurs one and a half 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.

The Rock The Christmas/New Year edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

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.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Monday 24 December

11 am Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins

6 pm Eucharist at St Barnabas

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

Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December

9 am Holy Communion (1662) with Carols

January at St Peter's Evensong and Benediction with a follow on social gathering in the lounge will continue as usual on the first Sunday of the month 6 January with the Epiphany Carol Service taking place that morning at 10.30 am. The Thursday Eucharists will also continue uninterrupted. In addition to the season of dance films there will be a parish BBQ preceded by an early evening Mass at a date to be announced.

The reports Geosolve has presented its report on the geo-technical aspects of the soils on which the church stands. This is a highly technical document intended mainly to resource the engineering report that is expected to be completed by February. A major focus of the Geosolve report is what could be done to level up the church floor and to make it quake resistant.

Please pray for Annabel Barton and Barton Price who are to be married at St Peter's on New Year's Eve, and for Alison Johnstone who died this past week.

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 Noel McQuarrie, Francis Hore, William Littler, Doreen Fraser and Lena Holmes.

Developments at St Matthews Dunedin The Revd Stuart Crosson and the majority of lay people at St Matthews are in the process of disaffiliating from the diocese of Dunedin and the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. Now renamed "Hope Church" they will be worshipping from now on at the Church of Christ church on the corner of St Andrew St and Filleul St. Their Sunday Service starts at 9 am but they must conclude by 10.15 am to make way for the Church of Christ congregation, something of a limitation given their love of lengthy sermons and ecstasy rituals. Presumably they will in due course affiliate to the Extra Provincial diocese, currently in the process of formation, that is expected to ordain its missionary bishop in New Zealand sometime in 2019. Meanwhile back at the ranch the rump core of remaining St Matthew's parishioners are organising a new Vestry and Wardens. They will be looked after for now by the Revd Peter Ross, until recently assistant priest at Balclutha. Peter was relatively recently ordained, a late vocation, having previously been an engineer and a Pentecostal Pastor. A question hanging over the emergent rump core remaining parish is whether the 40 or so congregants will be able to afford a full time Vicar, pay St Matthew's share of the diocesan quota and keep up with the maintenance costs of a large historic church. This could be quite a struggle.

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