



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Holy Family

The Family

And those called to matrimony
live especially close to the unity and fruitful love
that exists between Christ and the Church.
In fact, those who receive this sacrament,
by reason of their state and rank in life,
have their own special gift
among the people of God
From their lovemaking comes forth
new citizens of the world,
those who will ultimately live in the light.
This family setting is its own kind of Church,
a sort of "domestic" Church,
In this household setting,
where relationships are the stuff of daily life,
for better or worse,
members ought to witness to each other
and teach each other to listen to the Spirit
prompting them in their hearts.

*The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church
Lumen Gentium
Documents of Vatican 2*

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

25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

285 For the beauty of the earth

41 Where is this stupendous stranger? (Tune 48)

387 Jesus good above all other

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 15: 1-6; 17: 3-5, 15-16; 21: 1-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 105](#) is:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

[Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19](#)

[Luke 2: 41-52](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

As per Epiphany Carol Service

PARISH NEWS

Lost car key? A car key was discovered in one of the front pews two weeks ago and can be claimed from the sacristy. A walking stick has also been left behind and can be claimed from the back of the church.

Watchnight Service New Year's Eve occurs tomorrow evening. 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.

Epiphany Carol Service Next Sunday we mark the wonderful feast of the Epiphany with a 10.30 am Service in the style of Nine Lessons and Carols, thus giving us an opportunity to sing many of the hymns appropriate to the feast. We shall need some lesson readers for this Service also. Please sign up for this in the usual way on the Link noticeboard.

January at St Peter's Evensong and Benediction with a follow on social gathering in the lounge will continue as usual next Sunday. 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.

Frances Hodgkins Eucharist The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am.

The reports Geosolve has presented their 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 tomorrow.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Francis Hore, William Littler, Doreen Fraser, Lena Holmes, Christopher Holden, and Jean Hammond-Tooke .

Director of Anglican Centre in Rome steps down after sexual misconduct allegations Parishioners may recall that New Zealand Archbishop David Moxon retired from the above position in 2017. Last week the governors of the Anglican Centre in Rome announced the resignation of David's successor, Archbishop Bernard Ntahouri, following an allegation of sexual misconduct. Its director is also the Archbishop of Canterbury's Personal representative to the Holy See. Archbishop Bernard was installed as Director in October 2017. He was previously the Primate of the Anglican Church of Burundi. Before ordination he was a civil servant who served as chief of staff to Burundi's President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza. He served four years in prison following the 1987 military coup. Later he was appointed Bishop of Matana and then Archbishop of Burundi. He also worked as vice-chair of the country's commission on truth and reconciliation. Parishioners may recall that Burundi experienced a genocide in 1993 when Hutus set about a mass killing of Tutsis. This development will come as a personal blow to Archbishop Justin Welby who had seen this appointment of someone so close to the African GAFCON bishops as a helpful step in attempting to woo the GAFCON bishops to attend the 2020 Lambeth Conference. Already Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda have announced they will be boycotting the event.

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