



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

1 December 2019

Advent 1, Year A

The Sparrow's Prayer

Father, before this sparrow's earthly flight
Ends in the darkness of a winter's night
Father, without whose word no sparrow falls,
Hear this, Thy weary sparrow when he calls.
Mercy, not justice, is his contrite prayer.
Cancel his guilt and drive away despair;
Speak but the word, and make his spirit whole,
Cleanse the dark places of his heart and soul,
Speak but the word, and set his spirit free;
Mercy, not justice still his constant plea.
So shall thy sparrow, crumpled wings restored
Soar like a lark, and glorify his Lord.

Lord Hailsham

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

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

18 Ye servants of the Lord

A sung *Alleluia* precedes the gospel reading

14 The advent of our God

3 Come thou long expected Jesus (tune 2)

15 The Lord will come and not be slow

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)

The response to [Psalm 122](#) is:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

[Romans 13: 11-14](#)

[Matthew 24: 37-44](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)

[Romans 15: 4-9](#)

[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

PARISH NEWS

Preachers Fr Brian is be taking the Services at St John's Roslyn this morning with Revd Kit being our preacher here at St Peter's. Fr Hugh is the celebrant at 8 am and 10.30 am.

Advent notes We omit saying or singing the Gloria in Advent as it is a penitential season. It also marks a new gospel focus as

we move to a new season of readings in the three year cycle. Mathew is our gospel for the year ahead with its emphasis on the teaching ministry of Jesus and of his fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy as the second Moses and promised Messiah.

Frances Hodgkins Service The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. An additional Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated there on Monday 23 December at 11 am to enable residents to make their Christmas communion.

Parish curry evening The next parish curry evening will be on Thursday 12 December. Please sign the booking notice on the Link Noticeboard.

Wardens' meeting Fr Hugh will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 18 December. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 20 December at 10.30 am in preparation for the special Service the following Sunday

A Christmas festival of Brass and Carols On Sunday 22 December we will welcome the St Kilda brass band ensemble as the centrepiece of our Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols. A lunch will follow in the lounge as our way of saying thank you to the band.

Last Saturday's concert Around 80 people thronged St Peter's last Saturday for the organ and violin concert by Kemp English and Yuka Eguchi. Kemp's remarkable digital organ had huge speakers which filled the church with beautiful, remarkable and entertaining music

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Christine Flegg, Mavis Lighton, Anne Bowker and Jane Hill.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Brent Henderson, Vera McLeod, Dorrie Molloy, Michael Palmer, Winifred Dowell and Raimer Glen.

Jokes about the Episcopal Church Americans tend to choose their denomination according to their wealth and social status. The American Anglican church, officially known as the Episcopal Church, is a relatively small denomination that has tended to be attended and supported by elites on the eastern seaboard. Its unique approach to Christian life and culture has spawned a host of jokes. The Vicar thought he had heard the best of them from an American student at Mirfield in the 1970s. "How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb? Three. One to call the electrician, and two to mix the cocktails." Now an even better one has come along, a spoof on TEC's doctrinal fluidity. "The year is 2030...and two Anglo-Catholic priests in the back of the National Cathedral in Washington are watching the Episcopal presiding bishop and her incense-bearing wife, an Archdeacon, process down the aisle behind a statue of the Buddha, while the faithful singing a hymn to Mother Earth. "You know," one traditionalist whispers, "ONE more thing and I'm out the door."

Time to make your confession Advent has begun, a penitential season in which it is entirely appropriate to make your confession before Christmas. These are usually made in Church at a time arranged with the clergy. For further information see "Reconciliation of a Penitent" on page 750 of the New Zealand Prayer book.

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