



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

15 December 2019

Advent 3, Year A

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

O come, Desire of nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Cologne 170, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
Translated T. A. Lacey 1853-1931 and New English Hymnal Editors*

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 Sung Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

3 Come, thou long expected Jesus
A sung *Alleluia* precedes the gospel reading
11 O come, O come, Emmanuel
275 Blessed Jesu, Mary's son
443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10](#)

The response to [Psalm 146](#) is:

Lord, come and save us

[James 5: 7-10](#)

[Matthew 11: 2-11](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Romans 1: 1-7](#)

[Matthew 1: 18-24](#)

These will be the readings at the 8 am Service. The readings at the 10.30 am Service will be of a Christmas nature and particular to the Festival of Brass and Carols

PARISH NEWS

Preachers Fr Hugh is our preacher this morning, his theme "Is it good news." This evening he will speak about the highlights of the

recent Religious History Conference he attended and gave a paper at.

Wardens' meeting Fr Hugh will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. 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 at 10.30 am in preparation for the special Service the following Sunday

A Christmas festival of Brass and Carols Next Sunday 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. Please bring some finger food or nibbles to make this meal possible.

Please take a poster It would be much appreciated if parishioners could take a poster advertising the Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols Service and ask shops or community facilities they know to display the poster. These can be found on the pew by the altar at the Hillside Rd entrance to the church.

Community Carol Service The Dunedin South Community Carol Service, organised by the South Dunedin Churches, will be at St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Rd on Tuesday 17 December at 6.30 pm.

February church visit In addition to our January church visit to St Barnabas, Warrington we will also go to St John's, Waikouaiti on Saturday 22 February at 11 am to celebrate the feast of the Chair of St Peter.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal You will find a CWS Christmas Appeal donation brochure in your Pebble this morning. The CWS gift catalogue is also included. This year's theme is "Her need is clear - Give water for Christmas, the essence of survival." Please support this appeal generously.

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 Douglas Earwaker, John Carruthers, William Forrest, Allan Paterson and John Jerome

St Peter's Christmas Services Sunday 22 December 10.30 am Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols, Monday 23 December 11 am Anglican Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins, Christmas Eve 6 pm Eucharist at St Barnabas, 10.30 pm A candlelit Vigil of Readings and Carols and first Mass of Christmas - this is followed by a social gathering in the lounge, Christmas day 9 am 1662 Holy Communion with Carols.

Kaikorai invades St Kilda's turf Last Monday night a core group of the Kaikorai band played Christmas Carols in Baker St while helpers collected for the band. Of course this was what the Salvation Army band used to do at this time of the year but that seems to have ceased along with other traditional army activities like Salvation Army Officers selling the War Cry and collecting in pubs and bars on Friday nights.

Is this a Christian Church? Two Saturdays ago Ken Ferguson, a member of our 8 am congregation, was on duty as part of our "Church Open" programme that runs each Saturday fortnight. Three women came into St Peters and were given a guided church tour by Ken. Just before leaving they enquired, "Is this a Christian Church." Ken resisted the temptation to reply, "No, it is an Anglican Church."

Time to make your confession Advent is 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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