



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

22 December 2019

Advent 4, Year A

When we say, "It is Christmas" we mean that God has spoken into the world his last, his deepest, his most beautiful word in the incarnate word, a word that can no longer be revoked because it is God's definitive deed, because it is God himself in the world. And this word means: I love you, you, the world, and all humanity.

*Karl Rahner
The Eternal Year*

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 Christmas festival of Brass and Carols

HYMNS FOR TODAY

See Service booklet

READINGS FOR TODAY

[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 are of a Christmas nature that are particular to the Festival of Brass and Carols

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Sirach 3: 2-6](#)

[Colossians 3: 12-17](#)

[Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23](#)

PARISH NEWS

A Christmas festival of Brass and Carols This morning we 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.

Rock The December edition of the Rock is available in the Link and at the back of the church.

New Year and January Services Our normal cycle of Services will continue uninterrupted throughout January including Evensong and Benediction on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We will see in the New Year with our usual Watchnight Service on the evening of Tuesday 31 December at 10.30 pm followed by a social gathering in the lounge.

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. The Waikouaiti parishioners have kindly offered to host us to a lunch in their adjacent hall.

Visit to Church of Mary, Queen of Peace The Waikouaiti visit will be followed in late March by a visit to the Polish Catholic Church in Broad Bay, which is dedicated under the title of the Church of Mary, Queen of Peace.

Congratulations to Gwen Hudson an 8 o'clock parishioner for graduating with BA honours from the Art History department of Otago University.

Decanal arrival imminent The next Dean of Dunedin, the Revd Tony Curtis, and his family will arrive in Dunedin on 17 January. A house has been purchased for them in Belleknowes.

Interring Philip's ashes The funeral of retired priest the Revd Philip Charles took place at St Peter's last year. Fr Hugh will inter his ashes at St John's, Waikouaiti next Friday. His widow Nora Dowse worships with us at the 10.30 am Service.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman, Nora Carson, David, John and Richard Tourelle.

St Peter's Christmas Services 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.

Hillside Rd phone box kaput Last Monday afternoon an elderly woman lost control of her car and crashed into the phone box across the road from the church severely damaging the phone box. Given the prevalence of cell phones and smart phones now one wonders if there will be a replacement.

End of an era at All Saints Gladstone, Invercargill The Revd Richard Johnson will retire at the end of December bringing to an end an 18 year ministry at All Saints Gladstone. An Englishman from the Lake District by origin he spent most of his life as a businessman in Zimbabwe until the increasingly repressive Mugabe regime forced him and his family to leave at short notice thereby losing everything. Arriving in Invercargill in 2001 he settled in to a long parish ministry where by hard work All Saints would become one of the strongest units in the diocese. We have been praying for his daughter Claire Christie for many years as she struggles with a degenerative kidney disease. Richard was part of an influx of clergy from Southern Africa who have done much to strengthen the New Zealand Anglican church.

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