



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

29 December 2019

Feast of the Holy Family

Immortal Lord God, you inhabit eternity, and have brought us your unworthy servants to the close of another year: Pardon, we entreat you, our transgressions of the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your Son, and called us to new life in him: Grant that we, who begin this year in his Name, may complete it to his honour and glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever.

*Two of the prayers we shall use at our Watchnight Service
on Tuesday evening*

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 FOR TODAY

25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

10 Long ago, prophets knew

40 What child is this

387 Jesus good above all other

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Sirach 3: 2-6](#)

The response to [Psalm 128](#) is:

Happy are those who fear the Lord

[Colossians 3: 12-17](#)

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 60: 1-6](#)

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

These will be the readings at the 8 o'clock Service.

There will be a more extensive set of Epiphany readings in the Service booklet for the Epiphany Carol Service.

PARISH NEWS

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.

Christmas festival of Brass and Carols Last Sunday's Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols was a great success with around 90 in attendance and many expressions of satisfaction at the quality and style of the Service. Grateful thanks to those who worked so hard to make the lunch afterwards possible. The Service was filmed and can be viewed by going on line to the parish website.

Watchnight Service We will see in the New Year with our usual Watchnight Service on Tuesday evening at 10.30 pm followed by a social gathering in the lounge. If you can assist us by reading a lesson at this Service please sign the appropriate notice on the Link noticeboard.

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.

Frances Hodgkins Eucharist The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday 9 January at 11 am.

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 on Saturday 21 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Malcolm Whitty.

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 Noel McQuarrie, Francis Hore, William Littler, Lena Holmes, Christopher Holden and Jean Hammond-Tooke.

Some anticipated Anglican highlights in 2020 The General Synod of the New Zealand Anglican Church will meet in Nelson in mid-May. At this stage little is publicly known about the expected agenda although a reform of the Title D clergy disciplinary measure is expected if the task group of Diocesan Chancellors can bring their change proposals together in time. The Lambeth Conference will meet 22 July to 2 August. This is supposed to meet in a ten year cycle but this one has been delayed by a number of years as the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to persuade as many Provinces and Bishops as possible to attend. The agenda he sets and the way he presides will be a test of his considerable leadership skills. The rival event of the GAFCON (Global Anglican Futures Conference) bishops' conference will take place in Rwanda in June. This will be presided over by Archbishop Foley Beech of ACNA (Anglican Church of North America) and will be attended by the bishops of some of the largest African Provinces, and by newly consecrated New Zealand bishop Jay Behan of the Extra-Provincial diocese of New Zealand. The New Zealand Extra-Provincial diocese has twelve parishes with many young persons and young families within them, together with some energetic middle aged people. It faces three challenges - to maintain its unity (breaking away to form a purer church can become habit forming), to maintain forward momentum by continuing to grow in numbers and parishes and to institutionally sustain itself beyond just one generation of church life. Meanwhile one of the ultra-liberal Anglican Provinces has had to face up to some bracing news. A report presented to this year's Canadian General Synod shows that on present trends their church will cease to exist by 2040.

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