



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

6 December 2020

Advent 2

With tender comfort and transforming power
you come into our midst,
O God of mercy and might.
Make ready a way in the wilderness,
clear a straight path in our hearts,
and form us into a repentant people,
that the advent of your Son
may find us watchful and eager for the glory
he reveals.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

*Opening Prayers: Collects in Contemporary Language,
International Commission on English in the Liturgy*

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

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

12 On Jordan's bank

407 Lord thy word abideth

483 The Church of God a kingdom is

2 O heavenly Word of God (T.244)

499 Thy kingdom come, O God

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 85](#) is:

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation**

[2 Peter 3: 8-14](#)

[Mark 1: 1-8](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11](#)

[I Thessalonians 5: 16-24](#)

[John 1: 6-8, 19-28](#)

PARISH NEWS

This evening's homily at Evensong and Benediction will be an account of the more interesting and thought provoking papers

Fr Hugh heard at the theology conference he attended last week.

Christmas festival of Brass and Carols poster Can you take a poster advertising our Christmas Service of Brass and Carols and persuade someone to put it up in a public place? They are available at the back of the church.

Advent omissions Advent is a penitential season and so we omit the Gloria and the sung alleluia before the gospel reading.

New hall keys The lock on the Link entrance to the hall will be replaced next week and new keys issued for authorised persons who have permission to use the hall. It has been a major concern for some time now that there are many keys circulating in the community that provide access to our hall from former hall users who did not bother to hand in their keys when their hall use concluded.

Vicar on leave Fr Hugh will be away on leave from Tuesday this week until Saturday 19 December. The celebrant and preacher next Sunday will be Fr James Harding.

Brass cleaning The pre-Christmas brass cleaning will take place on Friday 18 December at 10.30 am. All helpers most welcome.

Christian World Service Christmas appeal In your Pebble this morning you find a CWS Christmas Appeal envelope. This year's focus is FOOD. Your donation will support communities across the world to grow more food and achieve food security. This appeal is worthy of your generous support.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Lorraine Mitchell and Greta Barton.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Roger Dale, Ivy Dale, Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), David MacGrill, Douglas Earwaker and John Carruthers.

Dunedin exposed Last Wednesday's front page ODT article with this title brought into sharp relief a major existential crisis facing South Dunedin. It warned that coastal properties in areas identified as being at high risk of coastal flooding or ocean inundation are likely to face very large increases in insurance premiums or the possibility that insurance companies might refuse to offer cover thus causing major knock on difficulties for property owners' mortgages. Apparently 3100 properties are at risk in Dunedin with presumably the overwhelming majority being in South Dunedin. Frustratingly no detail was offered as to where exactly the danger zone is or whether our church is in it. This observer believes that 3 things need to happen to meet this situation. Some limited managed retreat will be necessary with generous compensation offered to those asked to leave. This would only affect some properties near the coast and would not involve a wholesale withdrawal from South Dunedin. Wetlands need to be created near the coast as these have very considerable water storage capacities and are cost effective ways to deal with flooding and ocean inundation as they work with nature and not against it. Since neither the DCC nor ORC have the financial capacity nor the hydrology skills to deal with this imminent crisis it follows that there must be a central government nationwide long term strategy in place together with considerable funds set aside to implement it.

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