



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

13 December 2020

Advent 3

O Lord Jesu Christ,  
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger  
to prepare thy way before thee;  
Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way,  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just,  
that at thy second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight,  
who livest and reignest with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

*The collect for the third Sunday of Advent,  
Book of Common Prayer*

## 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

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

15 The Lord will come and not be slow

18 Ye servants of the Lord

11 O Come, o come, Emmanuel

276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

10 Long ago prophets knew

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

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

The response to Responsorial canticle [Luke 1: 47-48, 49-54](#) is

**My soul rejoices in God**

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

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7](#)

[Isaiah 11: 1-9](#)

[Luke 1: 26-35, 38](#)

[Luke 2: 1-7](#)

[Luke 2: 8-16](#)

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

[John 1: 1-14](#)

## PARISH NEWS

**This morning** we welcome Fr James Harding as our celebrant and preacher. Fr Hugh is on leave until Saturday.

**Farewell to Joan Dutton** This is Joan Dutton's last Sunday with us. After communion there will be a conversation with Joan reviewing her time at St Peter's and Fr James will offer a blessing for her.

**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 has been replaced and new keys will be 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.

**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** 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** William Forrest, Allan Paterson, John Jerome, William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman and Nora Corson.

## Christmas Services

### Tuesday 22 December

**11 am Mass at Frances Hodgkins.** This is for Anglicans and other sacramentally aware Christians who will be with their families on Christmas day who will not have the opportunity to make their Christmas communion.

### Christmas Eve

#### **6 pm Mass at St Barnabas**

#### **8 pm A Candlelit Service of Readings and Carols followed by the Eucharist at St Peter's**

This is followed by a Christmas celebration with good food and wine in the parish lounge.

### Christmas Day

#### **9 am Holy Communion (1662) with Carols**

**Christmas Nativity Scene** We are fortunate and blessed to have the return this year of the outstanding Christmas nativity scene that is inserted into our altar. It will be set up in time for next Sunday. Grateful thanks to Tubby and Averil Hopkins for making this happen.

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