



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

27 December 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

How can a baby save the world?  
With every cry or smile?  
By drinking milk or lullabies?  
Why would God send a child?  
But all his fullness one with us;  
Heaven comes down touching Earth;  
Divine and human meet in him;  
God given in this birth.

How can his Son descend to us?  
To such a sorrowing sphere?  
How can our God donate himself,  
To take on every tear?  
But love divine impelled this gift;  
To enter and unite;  
For Love himself has come in flesh;  
To lift us to his height.

How can we rightly give him praise,  
For giving us himself?  
What can we give in our reply,  
What offer from myself?  
But Jesus waits to enter in;  
To meet with us today;  
So open hearts up to his love:  
Prepare him room to stay.

*Simon Rowbury*

## 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

10 Long ago, prophets knew

We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

25 God rest you merry, gentlemen

22 Away in a manger

187 Virgin born, we bow before thee

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Genesis 15. 1-6, 17.3-5, 15.16, 21.1-7](#)

[Psalm 105](#)

[Hebrews 11. 8, 11-12, 17-19](#)

[Luke 2.22-40](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 1: 1-5](#)

[Isaiah 60: 1-6, 9](#)

[Isaiah 49: 6b-13](#)

[Baruch 4: 36-5: 9](#)

[Haggai 2: 5b-9](#)

[Revelation 21: 22-22: 5](#)

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

## PARISH NEWS

**Rock** The final edition of the Rock for the year is available at the back of the church.

**Pray for those who are unwell at this time** 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** Lena Holmes, Christopher Holden and Jean Hammond-Tooke.

**New Hall Keys** The lock on the Hall door has had to be replaced and new keys have been issued to authorised persons and hall users.

**Readers requested** for our Watchnight Service to see in the New Year and for our Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 3 January. If you are able to help in this way please sign your name on the appropriate notice on the Link noticeboard.

**Thank you** to Di Bunker for arranging to have the Holy Cross, St Kilda war memorial plaques mounted in our church porch entrance way. Parishioners may recall that we took the stained glass windows and war memorial plates from the Holy Cross church when it was deconsecrated so that they could be taken into storage and later resited in St Peter's.

**A Message from Joan Dutton.** 'I wish to extend my thanks to my friends at St Peter's for the amazing farewell you gave me last Sunday. It was truly wonderful, if a little overwhelming. I shall miss all of you so much and wish you all the best for Christmas and the year ahead which will bring all of us some big changes. Thank you for the beautiful rose; 'Remember me' is one I planted here at 392 in memory of my late aunt, so it will be nice to plant it at Timaru which will give me great pleasure and delight.

## Epiphany tide Services

Thursday 31 December

### **Watchnight Service**

**10.30 pm** A candlelit Service of readings and hymns appropriate to the turn of the year followed by the celebration of the Eucharist.

This followed by a social gathering in the lounge that includes good food and wine to see in the New Year.

Sunday 3 January

### **Epiphany Carol Service**

**10.30 am** A Service of readings and hymns appropriate to the feast of the Epiphany that includes the celebration of the Eucharist.

**5.00 pm** Evensong and Benediction

Sunday 10 January

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

The commemoration and celebration of the event that signified the start of our Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry is the theme of our Sunday morning Services and concludes the Epiphany season.

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