



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday December 25, 2022

Christmas Day



Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN  
*(Book of Common Prayer)*

## WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us this Christmastide and those who read the Pebble on-line.

### The Liturgy for Today.

9.00 am Holy Eucharist of Christmas with Carols (1662)

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

34 Once in royal David's city

22 Away in the manger

32 O little town of Bethlehem

26 Hark! The herald angels sing

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 52: 7-10](#)

[Psalm 98](#) *Response:* All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

[Hebrews 1: 1-6](#)

[John 1: 1-18](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14](#)

[Psalm 28](#) *Response:* Happy are those who fear the Lord.

[Colossians 3: 12-24](#)

[Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-27](#)

**Morning Prayer** Wednesday at 9am in the Lady Chapel.

**Mid-week Eucharist** The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Thursday at 10am in the Parish Lounge.

*Service of Thanksgiving*

Bishop Steven will lead the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> followed by a lunch. This is to say 'thank you' to all those who officiated and supported St Peter's during the Interregnum. It has been suggested that the congregation provide finger food for the occasion. Please write down what you will be able to bring on the list at the back of church.

**Bishop's Companion Programme.** Information regarding this programme is available at the back of church. If you are interested in taking part, chat to the Vicar or David Hoskins.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Rosemary Stott, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Jim Menzies, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, David Horne, Fr. Carl and Harry Brown.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Lena Holmes, Christopher Holden, and Jean Hammond-Tooke.

*From the Vicar*

A friend of mine sent me a remixed Christmas Carol, a few years ago, and the tune and words are quiet haunting. It begins with a question, 'Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?', and continues to identify aspects of Jesus Christ's life.

Do we know and recognise the baby in the manger as the Saviour of the world and the very Word of God? Do we really appreciate the miracle of the Incarnation and the implications for humanity? Do we truly believe that God loves us and wants a relationship with us, or are we distracted by the lies of this world?

Mary and Joseph believed and through their faith and action we have access to the Creator of the Cosmos. May the wonder of Christmas fill your hearts today, as we once again sing carols and hear the wonderful, wonderful truth.

Natalie.

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