



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday January 1, 2023

Holy Family



### *Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
your Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home;  
grant that we and all your children  
may live together in peace and joy,  
until we come to that eternal home  
which you have prepared for those who love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever. AMEN.

*(A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

### WELCOME

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

### 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

19 Unto us a boy is born.

*We sing a 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*

271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

40 What child is this

285 For the beauty of the earth

### READINGS FOR TODAY (Holy Family)

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60: 1-60

Psalm 72 *Response:* Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

## *Parish News*

### *Service of Thanksgiving*

Bishop Steven will lead the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist next Sunday (January 8<sup>th</sup>), followed by a lunch in the Parish Hall. This is to say 'thank you' to all those who officiated and supported St Peter's during the Interregnum. Contributions of finger food would be appreciated.

**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.

**Bishop's Companion Programme.** Information regarding this programme is available at the back of church.

**Food Bank Basket** Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

**The Rock** The new edition of our parish magazine is available at the back of church and in the Link.

**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**

Arthur Hill, Mary Wood, Marjorie Welch, William Bloxham, Francis Mumford and Robin Heaps.

## *From the Vicar*

The sunshine over the last few days prompted me to dig in the garden, again. What surprised me was that the soil is quite dry. The cloudy drizzly days and rain had not done as I expected.

So often what we think we see happening, may not be the case and churches are a brilliant example.

Often people walk into a church and perceive a group of religious people, but .....

We are all at various phases of life, family situations and faith stages, and none have all the answers. It's only when we start to truly look and share, do we appreciate the diversity and various perceptions that build our faith. The nativity of Jesus Christ embodies the diversity still evident in today's society, and those who search for the Christ come from all walks of life.

Natalie.

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