



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday December 3, 2023

Advent Sunday



### *The Collect.*

God of hope,  
When Christ your Son appears  
may he not find us asleep or idle,  
but active in his service and ready;  
through the same Jesus Christ our  
Redeemer,  
**AMEN.**

## WELCOME

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

### The Liturgy for Today.

8am Holy Eucharist (1662)  
10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist  
5pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

5 Hark! A thrilling voice is calling  
*We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*  
11 O Come, O come Emmanuel  
15 The Lord will come and not be slow  
368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

Psalm 80 *Response:* Lord, make us turn to you: let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 31-37

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85 *Response:* Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-15

Mark 1: 1-8

### *After the Intercessions:*

○ Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)  
When I call answer me.  
○ Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)  
Come and listen to me.

## *Parish News*



**Healing Ministry** During communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist today, Dan will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

**The Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

**The St Peter's Fellowship** This Thursday December 7, we meet at the Spirit House, St Clair for a meal at 6.15pm. Please let Raylene (455-2389) know if you are coming.

**Brass Cleaning** on Friday December 15 at 10.30 am in the Parish Lounge. Everyone welcome to lend a hand!

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond**  
Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague and Harry Brown.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time**

Lawrence McGoverne, Hilton Dale, Ivy Dale, Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), David MacGill, Douglas Earwaker and John Carruthers.



### *Food Bank*

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.

## *From the Vicar*

It was wonderful sharing St Peter's with the Children's groups last Sunday. Sixty people came to worship, play games and enjoy food and friendship. John and Alisha Graveston did a brilliant job organising and catering for the event. Sharing time with others and a meal is a blessing. Please consider donating food and placing it in the baskets at the back of the church so that others can enjoy in our abundance.

St Peter's will continue to host faith and community groups throughout December. May I encourage you to invite someone this Advent. We will be having a Blue Service next week to remember those who have died and those who find this time of year one of pain and loss.

The Carols Service is on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be three services on Christmas Eve 8.00 am, 10.30.00 am and a meal at 7.30 with a service starting at 9.00.

The usual Christmas service will be held at 9.00am.

I pray Christ's message of love and forgiveness is heard through this time and that we, as people of faith, share in the joy of this knowledge.

## *Parish Directory*

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