



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday December 10, 2023

Advent 2



The Collect.

God for whom we wait and watch,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
for the coming of your Son: give us
courage to speak the truth even to the
point of suffering.

This we ask through Christ our
Saviour.
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

HYMNS FOR TODAY

12 On Jordan's bank
We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel
10 Long ago, prophets knew
313 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
18 Ye servants of the Lord

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

8am Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Canticle Luke 1: 47-54

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

10.30 am Lessons and Carols.

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.

Brass Cleaning this *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
William Forrest, Allan Paterson, John Jerome, William Tubman, John Dougherty and Marjorie Garth.

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.

Christmas Services

Sunday December 17: 10.30 am Festival of Lessons and Carols with Communion.

Christmas Eve: 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and Carols

7.30 pm Evening Meal and Combined Service with St Martha's

Christmas Day: 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) and Carols.

From the Vicar

Christmas time can be a challenge for many people. The pressure to select the right gift, decorate the tree and home, prepare the best meals and even include the neighbour. This year, Christmas is also tinged with images of war and destruction, remembrance of loved ones, political grandstanding, the ever increasing cost of living and the normalization of COVID.

When the angels came to proclaim good news, they appeared to the shepherds first. The fringe dwellers who slept under the stars, even in winter. They weren't promised a better life, or even a roof over their heads. They were told that, " We bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people." The gospel of great joy is that God loves us, so much that God came and lived with us, Emmanuel.

It really doesn't matter where we live, what our family is or how capable we are. God's transformative message is the only real way to peace. If we believe that God is love and we accept the invitation to live in and with the Creator, through faith in Christ, then nothing else really matters. A peace that passes all understanding can be achieved. The angels were already living in that peace "and all who heard wondered at what the shepherds told them." I pray that this Christmas we hear more clearly the gospel of joy and peace.

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