



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday December 17, 2023

Advent 3



The Collect.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Lessons and Carols with Communion

HYMNS FOR TODAY

As per the service sheet for Lessons and Carols.

READINGS FOR TODAY

8 am [Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24](#)

[John 1: 6-8, 19-28](#)

10.30 am Lessons and Carols. (Service Sheet)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16.](#)

[Psalm 89](#) *Response:* For ever will I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

[Romans 16: 25-27](#)

[Luke 1: 26-38](#)

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: 8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and Carols

7.30 pm Evening Meal and Combined
Christmas Eve Eucharist with St Martha's

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

Parish News

Healing Ministry During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit 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, Thursdays at 10 am.

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 Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman, Nora Carson, David, John and Richard Tourelle, and Noel McQuarrie.

Raffle Results: *Cat Cross Stitch:* Di Best, *Bird Cross Stitch:* Barbara Patrick, *Patchwork Pack:* Di Best.

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

Friends of mine went out recently and witnessed the Aurora Australis in all its magnificent beauty. Dan and I have not been so lucky, the rain and clouds blocked the view. Despite the lack of vision the wonderment of God continues. It is up to us to choose to look or not. Sometimes it takes a bit of tenacity but it is always more beautiful than we can imagine.

May the God of the Stars bless you.

May you gaze at the wonder and the beauty of the night-time sky where every star sings God's glory.

May your star-gazing heart be led to places of light and newness, and

May you know the nearness of your human experience.

May your own sky-search give illumination to those with whom you journey.

May the God of the Stars remain with you.

God Emmanuel amongst us, within us, meeting us

Where we least expect to find you.

Stay with us on our life journey, today and every day

Amen

Sr Anne from St Isaac's Retreat, Opononi

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