



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday December 24, 2023

Advent 4



### *Collect.*

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in  
welcome,  
that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming  
may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;  
through the same 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 Solemn Sung Eucharist and Parish  
Meeting**

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

### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

**14** The advent of our God

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

**465** Thou didst leave thy throne

**298** May the grace

**9** Lo! he comes with clouds descending

### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Holy Family)**

Genesis 15: 1-6, 17: 3-5, 15-16, 21: 1-7

Psalm 105 *Response:* The Lord remembers his  
covenant for ever.

Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2: 22-40



## *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, Thursday's 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.

**Recently died** Paul Thomas

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Francis Hore, William Littler, Doreen Fraser, Lena Holmes, Christopher Holden, and Jean Hammond-Tooke.

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

## *From the Vicar*

The church hedge has been trimmed regularly by congregation members over the last 12 months and it's almost manageable. It served a purpose while we had our tenant but keeping it tidy and off the footpath was a massive effort. There is one bush that has the loveliest little bell shaped flowers but it encroaches onto the footpath and obstructs the view for motorists leaving Eastbourne Street and entering Hillside Road. I'll cut it back to the fence line but it will look very ugly for quite a while. I hope by leaving the garden side untouched the bush will not suffer too much and continue to grow, but in a more controlled manner.

It is hoped that the area around the Cottage will become a pleasant garden space for people to sit and enjoy. There are even plans for a water feature and some funds to make that possible.

As this holiday season warms up, I pray that you have opportunities to sit in a garden and enjoy the wonders of nature. That you have time to savour the smells, colours and textures that give a richness to the experience, and that you enjoy the Creator's handiwork. It was made for us to share with Him.

## *Parish Directory*

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