



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

10 December 2017

Advent 2

The Need to Praise

What do you say when Summer returns overnight,
When the world is painted in deep, rich gold? You
want

New words for sudden Summer.

After cold nights and icy mornings, we were
Bathed in sunshine and felt lighter wherever

We went and however long

We stayed. I am a Summer child whose birthday

Is in July but here was Summer all over

Again, all over the late grass of our meadows

And the half-dome of the sky was a radiant blue.

I wanted to praise, I needed a new *Book of Hours*

Painted by unseen holy ones, enchanted

By God as man and creator of the world.

O it is sweet to be

Suddenly warm in October in suddenly green

Fields and ubiquitous trees.

Elizabeth Jennings

Elizabeth Jennings is an English poet hence the July summer reference

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in
the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is
warmly invited to Morning Tea after the Solemn Sung
Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

12 On Jordan's bank

9 Lo he comes

407 Lord, thy word abideth

500 Thy Kingdom come! On bended knee

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 85](#) is:

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation**

[2 Peter 3: 8-14](#)

[Mark 1: 1-8](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

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

PARISH NEWS

Omit the Gloria in Advent A reminder that we omit saying or singing the Gloria in Advent as it is a penitential season.

Potluck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch will follow this morning's 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Music today Agnes Beamish is kindly playing the organ today while David Hoskins takes some annual leave. We will have a

brief rehearsal just before the 10.30 am Service of the congregational chorus of the carol Agnes has written for this year's Nine Lessons and Carols Service. The Carol is entitled *A Poetic Vision*, and the response we will practice is **For from Him and through Him are all things. To God be the Glory for evermore. Amen.**

Guest preacher This morning's guest preacher is our own Brian Kilkelly.

Make hope my story The Christian World Service appeal envelope in your Pebble shows us a young Syrian refugee who can focus on a maths problem rather than the troubles at home thanks to the work of the Department of Palestinian Refugees. At the end of 2017 the world is looking a little more unstable. Your donation to the Christmas Appeal will make the hopes and prayers of people facing violence, poverty and injustice come true. Years of experience and strong local networks give CWS partners the local advantage. Please give generously to the 2017 Christmas Appeal.

Readers for Nine Lessons and Carols Please sign the notice on the Link noticeboard if you would like to read a lesson at the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.

Christmas Services

Sunday 24 December Advent 4:

8 am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 am Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December:

6 pm Eucharist at St Barnabas

10.30 pm A candlelit Service of Carols, Readings and first Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

9 am Holy Communion (1662) with Carols

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Joan Dutton, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Paul Hill, Max Stacey and Jonathan Gillies.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Alan Paterson, John Jerome and William Tubman.

Who is the new Pihopa? Some months ago Tikanga Maori delegates gathered in Nelson to elect the next Pihopa O Aotearoa to succeed the recently retired Archbishop Brown Turei. An elective choice was duly made and the nomination was referred on to the highest echelons of our church to confirm the nomination. This should have been a routine process with a swift outcome but instead a complete radio silence has ensued with no indication as to what the holdup is or when it will be resolved. It would appear something odd is going on behind the scenes requiring either careful investigation or the resolution of some political deadlock. This writer checks the Anglican Taonga website regularly and will keep you posted when there is an announcement.

Bird infiltration Usually St Peter's gets just a few birds entering the church a year but lately these infiltrations have increased considerably with four in a recent week. A gap has opened in the masonry where the sanctuary meets the nave above the organ and curious sparrows cannot resist the temptation to check out the church. Often they cause a considerable mess before being coaxed outside or perishing through thirst. Steps are about to be taken to block this infiltration route.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 22 December at 10.30 am. Gay Webb welcomes helpers for this.

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