



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

7 January 2018

Epiphany

The Adoration of the Magi

It was the arrival of the kings
that caught us unawares;
we'd looked in on the woman in the barn,
curiosity you could call it,
something to do on a cold winter's night;
we'd wished her well -
that was the best thing we could do, she was in pain,
and the next thing we knew she was lying on the straw
the little there was of it
and there was this baby in her arms.

and what were we to make of -
was it angels falling through the air,
entwined and falling as if from the rafters
to where the gaze of the kings met the child's
assuming the child could see?
What would the mother do with the gift?
What would become of the child?
And we'll never admit there are angels
or that somewhere between
one man's eyes and another's
is a holy place, a space where a king could be
at one with a naked child,
at one with an astonished soldier.

Christopher Pilling

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 Epiphany Carol Service
5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

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As per Epiphany Carol Service booklet

READINGS FOR TODAY

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19](#)

[1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20](#)

[John 1: 35-42](#)

PARISH NEWS

Epiphany Carol Service This morning we are having our Epiphany Carol Service at the 10.30 am Service, a new departure in our annual line up of Services. Similar in structure to the Nine Lessons and Carols Service it takes advantage of the wonderful Epiphany music that we often glide over because of the great New Zealand shut down.

Evensong and Benediction This evening at 5 pm followed by a social gathering in the lounge.

No pot luck in January While the rhythm of parish life continues pretty much as usual throughout January one missing item in the usual line up of events will be

the pot luck lunch that usually occurs on the second Sunday of the month, i.e. next Sunday.

A note about the parish film season Overleaf you will find details of the beginning of the year's film season. What is not listed are two screenings that will occur in Holy Week of Alec McCowen's remarkable solo performance of Mark's Gospel. He memorised the gospel to script his performance. So compelling is the performance that the viewer is almost unaware that he is using the King James version of the Bible as his text. First performed in 1977 in Newcastle, England it became a long running hit that was filmed by the BBC. This version is of a New York stage performance. The two parts will be shown in Holy Week over the evenings of Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 28 March immediately after the evening Mass. Please note that Easter falls early this year on Sunday 1 April.

Brief absence The Vicar will be away for a few days from Wednesday in Wellington where he will join in the 60th birthday celebrations of his journalist sister. She has hired the Newtown Pipe Band hall to fit in all the revellers.

Midweek Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Thursday in the Lady Chapel at 10am.

Please pray for Olivia, Tom and Lucy Williams who are to be baptised at St Peter's next Sunday.

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Francis Mumford, Robin Heaps, Janet Younie, Bill Tansley and John Peterson.

Summer Film Season As is our custom we begin the year with a season of films shown in the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. This year's films are:

A Month of Sundays - 17 January. Anthony La Paglia teams up with Kiwi comedic icon John Clarke in a brilliantly funny and heart-warming film about a real estate agent who is not coping with his marriage break up and recent difficulties in selling houses. Then he receives a phone call from his mother - who died a year ago!

Still Life - 24 January. Eddie Marsan stars in the deeply affecting tale of a Council employee who tries to trace the relatives of those who have died alone, and who often ends up arranging their funerals. His pending redundancy and last case of a near neighbour and war veteran bring things to a head in his understated and low wattage relational life. A film about respect for the dead.

The Big Short - 31 January. Just before the crash of the American property market that signalled the beginning of the 2008 global financial crisis three different and unrelated groups of individuals anticipated the bursting of the property bubble and bet against the banks that this would happen. A fascinating, entertaining and informative story, and one of the best explanations of why the global financial crisis happened.

City of Gold (seek and devour) - 7 February. A documentary about Los Angeles food critic Jonathan Gold whose endless search for new food experiences focuses on little known and undiscovered ethnic restaurants and food trucks while eschewing famous top of the line restaurants. Insights are offered into one of the most ethnically and culinary diverse cities of the world but also shows Gold's power to make or break culinary reputations.

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