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The Pebble

Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Holy Family



Collect.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life
of an earthly home,
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

39 Unto us a boy is bornWe sing a 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus40 What child is this285 For the beauty of the earth

READINGS FOR TODAY

1 Samuel 1: 11, 20-22, 24-28

<u>Psalm 84</u> *Response:* Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Luke 2: 41-52

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 24: 1-4, 8-12

<u>Psalm 147</u> *Response*: The Word of God became flesh

and dwelt among us. Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19

John 1: 1-18

Parish News



<u>Healing Ministry</u> During communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist someone will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

Morning Prayer will resume on the first Wednesday of February at 9 am in the Lady Chapel.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am throughout January.

<u>Thank you</u> to everyone who helped make the Christmas services, big and small, so memorable.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and
Beyond Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, FayeNoel Brown Shaun McGlyn and Jill Hodges.
Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time
Christopher Holden and Jean Hammond-Tooke



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

St Peter's was able to provide five Christmas services this year, two on Christmas Eve and three on Christmas Day. We had the privilege of worshipping with St Martha's, St Barnabas, Frances Hodgkins and Radius Fulton. All our congregations heard the Gospel of John proclaiming the coming of Christ our Lord, and we reaffirmed our faith in God's loving grace through the prayers, Creed and carols.

Too often Christmas Day is overshadowed by the other stuff, and it can take some considerable effort to actively affirm our faith in the Trinity, against the trends and other expectations. However, the joy on the faces of those who attended church affirms the loving faith of both young and old. I was fortunate to have a young person play the keyboard at one service. Her enthusiasm and talent was so refreshing. Let us continue to share our gifts and talents, time and wealth, for the love of Christ and our brothers and sisters throughout our little church, community and into the world.

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