



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday, December 15, 2024. Third Sunday in Advent



Collect.

Praise and honour to you living God for John
the Baptist
and for all those voices crying in the
wilderness who prepare your way.
May we listen when a prophet speaks your
word and obey.
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.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist, Baptism and
Confirmation

HYMNS FOR TODAY

3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
We sing the 3-part Alleluia at the Gospel

137 Come down, O love divine

Communion: *The Call* by Vaughan Williams (Arnold
Bachop)

9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Zephaniah 3: 14-18](#)

Response to the Canticle: Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3: 10-18](#)

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Lessons and Carols service.

After the Intercessions:

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

Come and listen to me.

Parish News

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

Morning Prayer is said in the Lady Chapel each Wednesday at 9 am.

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

Carols and Lessons 10.30 am next Sunday. This service will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall. Everyone welcome!

Christmas at St Peter's.

Sunday December 22

8 am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 am Festival of Lessons and Carols with Communion and Christmas Pot-Luck Lunch

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

7.30 pm Shared Meal in Lounge with St Martha's followed at **9 pm** by Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day

9 am Holy Communion with Carols (1662)

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond

Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Faye-Noel Brown and Jill Hodges.

Pray for those who have died recently Elaine Snell

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney, Roger Swain, David Norman and Nora Carson.

From the Vicar

A friend gave me a book about Franciscan prayer and I'm enjoying it immensely. Mainly because it brings both old and new studies of theology into clear focus. Church tradition can often lose its relevance if we don't continually ask questions and assess its worth.

As a very low church Anglican, I had no experience with incense and was suspicious as to its relevance in modern worship, however as Bishop Steven incensed the altar at Evensong and Benediction, I was moved to tears. Something had deeply affected me and to this day I don't really understand why. But I do know that worship is an outward expression of an inward desire to know God more intimately.

As we celebrate a baptism and confirmation, let us consider our personal commitment to Christ and how we can best support each other in sharing the gospel of salvation, especially during this wonderful time of Advent.

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