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The Pebble

Sunday, December 1, 2024. First Sunday in Advent



Collect.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in
great humility;
so that when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty

we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

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 Eucharist5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

388 Jesus shall reign

We sing the 3-part Alleluia at the Gospel

- 9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending
- 18 Ye servants of the Lord
- 3 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

READINGS FOR TODAY

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25 Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 4: 2

Luke 21: 25-36

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Baruch 5: 1-9

<u>Psalm 126</u> *Response:* The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

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

<u>Healing Ministry</u> 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.

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u> is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

Brass Cleaning, Friday December 13, 1 pm in Parish Lounge.

Christmas at St Peter's. Sunday December 8.

8 am Holy Communion (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

2pm Diocesan Christingle Service

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 am Evening Meal and combined Service with St Martha's

Christmas Day

9 am Holy Communion with Carols (1662)

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and</u> <u>Beyond</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Faye-Noel Brown and Jill Hodges.

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u>
Michael Palmer, Winifred Dowell, Raimer Glen,
Lawrene McGovern, Roger Dale, Ivy Dale, and Fr.
Geoffrey Hughes.

Kia Ora from the Curate

Firstly, I have to say that it is good to be back. After three months away, helping another parish it is good to back home at St Peters. And what better time to return than the first Sunday in Advent.

The odd thing is that right now, as I am writing, I am not back (yet). Today I am over 1000km away, in Cambridge, looking forward to being home after three hard weeks on the road, working.

I am about to prepare to travel home, packing my suitcase, etc.

In a way, that is what Advent is about. Being able to look forward to and get ready for, what is going to happen.

Advent is a time of preparation, of looking forward. Making ourselves ready for the birth of our Saviour. Not just remembering his birth but living it too. Celebrating God's act of becoming human and living among us. Something so big that we need at least 4 weeks to prepare.

Ngā mihi Joel

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