



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

14th Sunday after Trinity

September 25, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Fr. Hugh Bowron and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Today's Liturgy:



Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Hugh Bowron

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Eucharist.

Mass Setting: The Taize Mass.

Prelude: *Aria* - Flor Peeters **Postlude:** *Allegro* - Vivaldi (arr. J.S.Bach)

Hymns: Introit: 391 **Gradual:** 376 **Offertory:** 271 **Communion:** 307 **Post-communion:** 477 (T.408 i)

The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Chapel of Our Lady at the back of the Church during Communion.

Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect:

Grant, O most merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Readings.



First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Parish Prayers.



WE PRAY for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Ruth Brown, Cherry Gordon, John Steele, Fr. Geoff Hughes, Irene Waters and Suzanne Drummond.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth Blackledge, James Blackledge, Andrew Stier, Janey Ross, Helen Elliot and William Lanham.

WE PRAY for our Parish Nominators: Tubby, Joy, Heather and Ian.

News and Notes.



The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

Observances: (26) Lancelot Andrewes **(27)** Vincent de Paul **(29)** MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am. A warm welcome to all!

The Rock has been published. Make sure you get your copy from the back of church or in the Link.

St Peter's Fellowship: The AAW has transformed into a Friendship group with a warm, friendly atmosphere. Members have decided to open the group TO **ALL PARISHIONERS**. Everyone is invited to a **Pot Luck Dinner, 6pm, Tuesday Sept 26 in the Parish Lounge**. Contacts: Raylene Ralston (477-0022 (D/T) 455-9535) Dawn Bachop (455-3933) Gay Webb (476-1613) and Coral Paris (454-3735).

Parish Cleanup! A workday is planned for Saturday October 8. If you can help on the day please let Dereck know. Telephone: 489-3520.

Community Hymn-Sing. Come, enjoy and sing some of the popular old favorites (and some new ones!) at St Peter's, Sunday October 16, 2pm.

Bishop Wright's Charge to Synod. Copies available in the Link.

Welcome Cards: As part of our ministry of welcome, ensuring all visitors to the parish feel at home and perhaps consider joining the parish and contributing to its life and worship, Vestry has produced Welcome Cards. These give visitors details of our service times and necessary contact names and telephone numbers. The cards also provide a way for people to register as members of the parish. If you meet a visitor who has not been offered a card on their way in, please get one from the table at the back of church or in the Link. You may like to introduce them to a sidesperson who will be only too happy to assist.

A Report from Synod 2011



Synod was held in Invercargill from 16th to 18th September. Holy Trinity, St. John's and All Saints welcomed representatives at Eucharist and for breakfasts. Business was conducted in the superb premises of The Working Men's Club.

The first evening's session was taken up by routine business and Saturday and Sunday by seminars and the Motions before Synod. The seminars offered were – (i) Mission Action Planning; (ii) The Trust Board and How it Works; (iii) Stewardship.

Seminar (ii) was run very efficiently by the Diocesan Manager. It was very enlightening but too complex for this writer to summarize. The motions (not in any particular order) addressed:-

Social Services: It was agreed to ask Diocesan Council to review statute 18 of the Social Services Board Statutes.

Collects Agreed to urge that Trinitarian collects be retained and in some cases, provided.

Selwyn College In the light of new strategic plans, envisaged enlargement and other changes, Synod agreed that the Diocesan Council be asked to work with the Board of the College to ensure that the interests of the Diocese are considered.

Bishopric Endowment Fund Synod accepted and endorsed in principle the proposal and noted that it is a voluntary scheme.

Proposed Anglican Covenant Synod agreed to this rather complex motion and asked our representative on the A.C.C. not to accept clause 4.2 if the proposed covenant comes into being.

Ordination of people in same sex relationships Synod was asked to inform the General Secretary of the Anglican Church in N.Z. that this Diocese considers that such persons should not be denied ordination because of that relationship. There was much discussion and a wide range of opinion was expressed before an amendment was moved and passed deleting clause 2 of the original motion and replacing it with acceptable wording to the effect that ordination should not be denied solely on account of sexual attitudes (or words to that effect). The amended motion was then accepted.

On the last day, other business being concluded, the Diocesan Manager talked about insurance and earthquake strengthening. We Anglicans were alphabetically fortunate as our premiums were set before the second Christchurch earthquake. Our Presbyterian and Roman Catholic cousins were not so fortunate. However, there is reason to fear that next year's premium might be as much as 300% higher. There is legislation being prepared now that will almost certainly become law in the not-too-distant future. Mrs. Miller is keeping herself informed and warned that, although

there is no need for immediate panic, looking ahead fifteen to twenty years, the prospect is bleak for many parishes.

Finally, on a pleasanter note, the hospitality, entertainment (The Southland Swede Quartette) and catering can only be described as – Southlandian.

(Ian Condie, Synod Representative)

Synod – ‘A View from the Edge !’

Since the Bishop, and Ian, have both offered their comments, I add some impressions. This is my forty-fifth Synod, and like all things, it has changed! Gone are the days when.....

Clergy wore cassocks and clerical collars to Synod sessions. Considering the informality of some attire, it is very difficult to tell who are clergy and who are laity. At least the President is clearly visible in episcopal purple.

Synod began at 7 pm on Sunday night, with a fine Synod service in the Cathedral, and continued till Wednesday - sometimes well into the night. Now it begins at 7 pm on Friday night, and is concluded by mid-day Sunday. A weekend Synod allows for laity (and some clergy) who are not free through the week.

The order paper was long, and repetitive. Once, all reports were moved individually - and often with great debate. Now they are all adopted on one motion - much better

Many motions were debated with great passion - and often much bitterness. The days of the debate on Church Union, the remarriage of divorced persons, a new Prayer Book, the ordination of women have been fought and finished. Now it seems the subjects that arouse passion - though not in the Dunedin synod - are issues like the place of homosexuals in the church, and the breaking down of the barriers that divide.

The conduct of Synod was rigid and strictly according to the book. Today it is more relaxed - perhaps we remember S. Paul who said that the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

It **was possible to balance the budget** from parish contributions and other income. At this Synod it was necessary to transfer \$24,000 from capital to meet a truly austerity budget. Insurance didn't really come up at all in debate.

(Fr. Bernard.)

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