

St Peter's Caversham



The Pebble

17 June, 2012

11th Sunday

The Kingdom

It's a long way off but inside it
There are quite different things going on:
Festivals at which the poor man
Is king and the consumptive is
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look
At themselves and love looks at them
Back; and industry is for mending
The bent bones and the minds fractured
By life. It's a long way off, but to get
There takes no time and admission
Is free, if you purge yourself with
Your need only and the simple offering
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

R.S. Thomas

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist (The Taize Mass setting)

HYMNS:

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| 341 | Blest are the pure in heart |
| 387 | Jesus, good above all other |
| 353 | Dear Lord and Father of mankind |
| 281 | Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord |
| 361 | Forth in the peace of Christ we go |

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Mark 4: 26-34

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 49: 1-6

Acts 13: 22-26

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Parish News

Reports of our death have been greatly exaggerated At first glance the ODT's Tuesday morning front-page headline seemed to suggest that the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin is in meltdown. But the reality is that the downsizing that is about to take place relates mostly to the Diocesan office and administrative structure. And the parishes that will close are the ones for whom the writing was on the wall anyway. To those who have been following the affairs of the Dunedin diocese for sometime the Bishop's letter will have

come as little surprise. What is unusual is how long it took the media to pick up on it. Perhaps they would have missed it completely if the Bishop hadn't posted it on his blog. The lack of serious investigative journalism that is the norm in this country now may yet shield the Diocese from the kind of searching enquiry that might be expected. The Bishop's letter will be considered by the Vestry at next week's meeting, and will be the subject of our next parish forum, which will be next Sunday. St Peter's is in a strong position to weather the challenges that lie ahead, and may find great opportunities in the developing situation. Assurances have been received that our bequests and trust funds will not be encroached upon by a cash hungry diocese. There are parishes that are strong and growing in the Diocese, and one can't help noticing that they tend to be the ones that have accepted the gospel warts and all, without any deference to contemporary secular enthusiasms. Our mandate in the years ahead is to be a shining beacon of orthodox Christian faith and welcoming gospel community.

Patronal festival Our Patronal Festival is just two weeks away now. The celebrations will commence with Choral Evensong on Saturday 30 June at 6 pm followed by a potluck meal. Our guest preacher at the Sunday Services will be the Revd Dr James Harding, who is on the staff of All Saints, Dunedin.

Regional potluck dinners Twelve people attended last Tuesday evening's enjoyable and successful potluck dinner that brought parishioners together in the Mosgiel area. Grateful thanks to Kaye and Dereck Gray for making this possible. A date will soon be announced for our next one in the Frances Hodgkin's complex. Consideration is also being given to bringing our folk together in the St Kilda's area in the same way.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Hall at 10am on Thursday. This will be the venue for our Thursday Services throughout the winter.

The Rock is available for collection at the back of the Church.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 29 June at 1.30 pm. All help is much appreciated.

Fellowship group The St Peter's Fellowship group will meet on Saturday 23 June at 2 pm for a Mid Winter afternoon tea. Bring along a favourite teacup and share its special meaning.

Friendship group The Friendship group will meet on Tuesday for a Mid Year lunch at the home of St Barnabas. Cost: \$10.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall, Heather Robertson, Frances Jenson Denise Walker and Margaret Fraser.

Pray for those who have died: Dulcie Healy, Hugh Carruthers, Ada Higham, Claire Taiaroa, Roger Taylor (Priest), Geoffrey Dale (Priest), Charles Booker, Betty Prail and Gardiner Murray.

Building facts Dunedin diocese has 60 churches and related buildings. More of these are of unreinforced masonry than any other diocese in the country and we have fewer endowments than any other diocese. Public buildings constructed prior to 1976 will have to get engineers to carry out an initial evaluation procedure within 2 years at a cost of \$1,800 to \$4,000. If they are below the safety code they will have either 10 or 15 years, according to their below code rating, to get themselves earthquake strengthened to 67% of code. Vicarages will not be inspected as they are considered to be private dwellings.

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