



St Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

24 June, 2012

John the Baptist

Aaron

Holiness on the head,
 Light and perfections on the breast,
 Harmonious bells below, raising the dead
 To lead them into life and rest.
 Thus are true Aarons dressed.

Profaneness in my head,
 Defects and darkness in my breast,
 A noise of passions ringing me for dead
 Unto a place where there is no rest.
 Poor priest thus am I dressed.

Only another head
 I have, another heart and breast,
 Another music, making live not dead,
 Without whom I could have no rest:
 In him I am well dressed.

Christ is my only head,
 My alone only heart and breast
 My only music, striking me even dead;
 That to the old man I may rest,
 And be in him new dressed.

So holy in my head,
 Perfect and light in my dear breast,
 My doctrine tuned by Christ, (who is not dead,
 But lives in me while I do rest)
 Come people; Aaron's dressed

George Herbert

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:

346	City of God
464	Thou art the Way
381	Jerusalem the golden
58	The sinless one to Jordan came
443	Rejoice the Lord is King

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:51-66,80

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 12:1-11.

2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

Matt 16:13-19.

Parish News

Parish forum A parish forum will follow this morning's 10.30 am Service at which the recent news of the Diocesan troubles will be discussed.

Poem on front cover This morning's poem "Aaron" is by George Herbert, and is based around Aaron's priestly garments as detailed in Exodus 28: 4ff: *on the head*, a mitre with a gold plate engraved "Holiness to the Lord"; *on the breast*, a pouch bearing the Urim and the Thummin who signify *Light* and *perfections*; and *below* (i.e. on the robe's hem), "pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet...; and *bells* of gold between them round about."

Today's sermon Often ordinations in the Church of England take place on the feast of the nativity of John the

Baptist. So it was that Fr Hugh was ordained a priest 32 years ago in Peterborough Cathedral. Today's sermon is entitled "I Remember," and reflects on the joys and privilege of being a priest.

The woes of St Johns General Synod meets in July. One of the more interesting agenda items will be the report of the Commissioner Gail Thomson sent in by the General Synod 2 years ago to clean up our national theological College St John's Auckland. An investigation by Paul Reeves had concluded that all was not well there, and Gail Thomson was sent in on a 2 year mission to put things right, in rather the same manner that failing schools are taken over by state appointed trouble-shooters. The Vicar spent some time at St Johns in 2010 as she began her mission, and concluded that she would have her task cut out, given the principalities and powers behind the scenes that were advantaged by the dysfunctional status quo. Poor academic standards, a lack of intellectual curiosity on the part of staff and students, little in the way of community life, low worship standards are amongst its failings, and helps to explain why some dioceses don't bother to send their ordinands there. The Vicar is obtaining a copy of the report, and will be speaking about this at a future parish forum.

Our Patronal Festival - Next Weekend.

Saturday June 30

6pm Choral Evensong by Candlelight followed by a potluck meal.

Sunday June 31

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

Our guest preacher at the Sunday Services will be the Revd Dr James Harding, who is on the staff of All Saints, Dunedin.

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.

Are you new to St Peter's? Then please consider joining our envelope scheme, which entitles you to a tax rebate on your giving to the parish, and which assists us to develop the life and witness of the parish. Ask the Vicar how to join.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall, Heather Robertson, Frances Jenson Denise Walker and Margaret Fraser.

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.

Regional potluck dinners Our next regional potluck dinner will be in the Frances Hodgkin's complex and has been tentatively timetabled for Wednesday 4 July.

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

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