



St Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

12 August, 2012

Ordinary 19

## Consecration (1)

It all happens so slowly. A few words  
Are spoken. Such tiny words  
Full of more than this world can ever contain  
In its random occasion, its pell-mell actions which we  
Have brought about. It is to change what we see  
And hear all about us that this Round of bread  
Is changed, becomes Christ's life on earth when he  
Chose to move among us all, to free  
Out trammelled spirits. He loves liberty  
So he became for a time what all of us are  
All the time. His words go on echoing where  
Any will listen. One simple breath of prayer  
Will break our chains, abandon our daily fear.  
For this he arrived and stays on our desperate star.

*Elizabeth Jennings – In the Meantime.*

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### **A Warm Welcome**

to Fr Roger Barker and 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 and potluck lunch 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)

### **HYMNS:**

233 Glory to thee (T. *Dunedin*)

438 Praise to God (T. 296)

400 Light of the minds that love him (T.167)

285 For the beauty of the earth

466 Thou whose almighty word.

### **READINGS FOR TODAY:**

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Ephesians 4: 30 – 5: 2

John 6: 41-51

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6: 15-20

**Organ Prelude:** *Auf meinen lieben Gott.* Johann  
Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Organ Postlude:** *Fugue in c.* Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

### **Parish News**

**Praying for the Diocese** The Bishop has asked that  
each parish set time aside over the weekend of 31  
August to 2 September to pray in intercession for the  
Diocese, asking that God's will be known to us in what  
we should do in the years ahead to meet our present  
challenging situation. Accordingly on Saturday 1  
September a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit will be  
celebrated at 10 am, and the Church will be open for  
prayer throughout the day for parishioners to come and  
do just that, concluding at 4 pm with Evening Prayer. A

roster, divided into half hour slots, is on the foyer noticeboard for us to enter in our prayer time. A notebook has been provided in which parishioners can write in suggestions that have arisen from their prayer time as to helpful new courses of action the diocese could take in future years to reform and renew its life.

**Clash of religions** Some diocesan synod delegates have been dismayed to learn that for the second year running the dates chosen for synod clash with a major rugby game, in this case South Africa playing at the stadium. To add insult to injury the usual synod venue of Holy Cross Mosgiel is unavailable because rugby fans got in ahead of the diocesan manager and booked it out as an accommodation venue. So synod is heading off to St Hilda's, and the diocesan manager has invited synod delegates to "get your head around it."

**Financial handover** Danielle Harrison has taken over the administration of the parish's financial affairs as of Wednesday 1 August. The delay in bringing this handover about is because of the time it has taken the IRD to confirm our GST number. Grateful thanks are due to Rita-May Brown for continuing to administer our financial affairs through this transition period, and even more so for being our treasurer link person with the diocesan financial services system over recent years. Parishioners may recall that the increasing fragility of the diocesan financial provider system obliged the parish to consider other alternatives, and so it came to pass the Danielle agreed to do all that for us on a pro bono basis.

**Vicar on leave** The Vicar is on holiday till Wednesday 15 August. In the Vicar's absence, Fr Wiremu has conducted of the St Barnabas Services, and Fr Geoff the Thursday Mass. The celebrant today is Fr Roger Barker.

**St Peter's Fellowship.** The Fellowship will enjoy a potluck meal on Tuesday 21 August starting at 6.30 pm in the Parish Lounge. The guest will be Barbara Turnbull who will speak on her experiences as a Red Cross nurse in Afghanistan.

**Size of Synod** The Vicar has a motion on the Synod order paper requesting that the Bishop and the Diocesan Council bring proposals to next year's synod to reduce the size of synod in an equitable manner. Although one of the smallest dioceses, Dunedin has as many synod reps as some of the largest, and parallels the numbers of General Synod. This hampers good decision-making, and generates costs the diocese cannot afford. It is also unjust as parishes with small Sunday attendances and negligible financial contributions often have more reps than those with good attendances and major shares of the diocesan budget.

**Bequesting** Our last opportunity to do good in the world is often through the wise and generous arrangements we make in our wills. What we have in a material or monetary sense came from God in the first place, and we can't take it with us on our return to him. We can however resource our parish church by remembering it in our will. Indeed, our present robust capacity to deal with challenges that will likely drive other parishes to the wall is pretty much dependent on the generosity of past benefactors, who have given us the wherewithal to look present circumstances in the eye with confidence. If we have the foresight and the thoughtfulness to go and do likewise then things will go well for St Peter's in the decades ahead.

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

**The Caversham Lectures by Fr Hugh Bowron.** 'Karl Rahner and the Concept of the Anonymous Christian - Can Atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims be Implicit Christians?' Monday 15 October, 2 pm in the St Peter's hall, repeated at 7.30 pm that evening in the same venue.

**Potluck Lunch today.** After the 10.30 am Solemn Eucharist. Everyone welcome!