



St Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

26 August, 2012

21st Sunday, Year B

Inheritance.

From my father a stammer
Like a stick in the spokes of my speech.
A tired blink,
A need to have my bones
near the hill's bare stone.
An affection for the order of maps
and the chaos of bad weather.

From my mother
a sensitivity to the pain in the pleasure.
The eye's blue ore,
quiet moments beside a wet horse
drying in a rain-loud stable.
A joiner's lathe
turning fact into fable.

And from them both-
a desire for what they forged
in their shared lives;
testing it under the year's hard hammer,
red hot at its core,
cooled dark at its sides.

Owen Sheers

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. 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)

HYMNS:

436 Praise my soul the King of heaven
467 Through all the changing scenes of life
302 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
281 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
244 Glory to thee my God this night

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5: 21-32

John 6: 60-69

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughn Williams
(1872-1958)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Scherzo* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Parish News

Today's sermon Entitled "Revolutionising Marriage," today's sermon considers how the good news challenges and transforms every age's understanding of marriage, not just the patriarchal understanding of Ephesians 5.

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 next Saturday 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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the high altar will provide a focus for our devotion between the Services. A box will be provided into which we can put our written intercessions, which will be offered on the altar at the main Sunday Eucharist. A roster, divided into half hour slots, is at the back of the Church for us to enter in our prayer time. Please could you sign up to this so that we can know that the Church will have someone in it throughout the day. 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. A good prayer to use on the day would be, "Lord, convert this parish beginning with me."

Vestry meeting Last Wednesday night's Vestry meeting decided to authorise the purchase of a Book of the Gospels to be used for the gospel procession at the 10.30 am Liturgy. It was agreed that the parish should accept its suggested diocesan share of \$3,659, down from \$5,778 last year. It was noted that the parish has now received a letter from the DCC instructing it to obtain an Initial Evaluation Procedure on the earthquake readiness or otherwise of the Church. It was agreed that an image of the interior of the Church should be placed on the Hillside Rd noticeboard as the default position display notice when there is not a notice announcing some forthcoming event.

The Raffle The raffle was drawn at the recent Vestry meeting, and the winner is Joan Graham, Heather Brooks' mother, with second prize going to Nancy Scurr, and third to Karen Merilees, both of Frances Hodgkins. The raffle has raised \$681 towards the repainting of the hall.

The big Six O The Vicar turns 60 on Wednesday 5 September. There will be a 5.30 celebration of the Eucharist using the Liturgy of St Basil, followed by a party in the Vicarage. No presents please, nor is it necessary to bring anything with you, but any offerings of finger food or beverages would be most welcome.

Reorganising the Diocese A discussion document has been received for discussion by Archdeaonries which proposes that in place of the present 30 parishes the Diocese be divided into 15 ministry units, each of which will have at least one stipended priest. Some of these ministry units will incorporate many rural communities, for instance one quite close to us would include Kurow, Omarama, Omaru north, Maheno, Palmerston, Waikouaiti, and Warrington. Looking to Dunedin parishioners will be relieved to hear that St Peter's would continue to be a ministry unit on its own. All Saints would absorb the North East Valley, Roslyn would take in Mornington and Brockville, and the Peninsula will be grouped up with St Kilda, Green Island and Port Chalmers.

The Caversham lectures The Caversham lectures resume in October with a presentation on "Karl Rahner and the concept of the anonymous Christian, Can Atheists, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims be implicit Christians?" This will be on Monday 15 October, with the paper being given at 2 pm for those who don't like to travel at night, and will be repeated at 7.30 that evening, with the parish hall being the venue. Then in the month of Rowan Williams retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury, a paper will be given entitled, "The strange, wonderful and bleak theological world of Rowan Williams." This will be on Tuesday 14 December at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. For further details see the web site and the noticeboard

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

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time: Anne Mitchell, Ted Hawkhead, Robert Jacobs, Olive Hammond-Tooke and Maurice Chetwin.

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