



St Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

2 September, 2012      22nd Sunday, Year B

### *The Starlight Night*

Look at the stars! look, look up at the skies!  
O look at all the fire-folk sitting in the air!  
The bright boroughs, the circle-citadels there!  
Down in dim woods the diamond delves! The  
elves-eyes!  
The grey lawns cold where gold, where  
quickgold lies!  
Wind-beat whitebeam! Airy abeles set on a flare!  
Flake-doves sent floating forth at a farmyard  
scare!-  
Ah well! It is all a purchase, all is a prize.  
  
Buy then! Bid then!-What?-Prayer, patience,  
alms, vows.  
Look, look: a May-mess, like an orchard boughs!  
Look! March-bloom, like on mealed-with-yellow  
sallows!  
These are indeed the barn; withdoors house  
The shocks. This piece-bright paling shuts the  
spouse  
Christ home, Christ and his mother and all his  
hallows.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

### 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:

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken  
149 Father, we praise thee now the night is over  
471 We love the place O God  
274 Author of life divine  
464 Thou art the Way

### READINGS FOR TODAY:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8  
James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 35: 4-7  
James 2: 1-5  
Mark 7: 31-37

### ORGAN PRELUDE: *Prelude on a Plainchant Melody*

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *The Kingsfold Trumpet* Alfred Fedak  
(b.1953)

### Parish News

**Today's sermon** Entitled "Does God Change," it pivots off  
the verse in the today's epistle about "the Father of the  
lights of heaven. With him there is no variation, no play of  
passing shadows." Some theological commentators of  
recent times have argued that God changes and develops  
in tandem with the changes of human history, and that he

suffers in solidarity with the tragedies of human beings. But the God of traditional theism does not change or suffer, does not become the prisoner of human dilemmas and limitations, and as we shall be hearing, that is very much to our advantage.

**Parish forum** A parish forum will follow the 10.30 am Service today. It will consider the diocesan reorganisation plan, and the agenda for the upcoming diocesan synod.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the wardens on Tuesday 11 September. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Tubby or Joy.

**Fellowship and Friendship groups** The St Peter's Friendship group meets on Tuesday 11 September at 2 pm in the lounge. The St Peter's Fellowship group will meet for coffee (or tea) and cake at Pier 24 on Tuesday 25 September at 7 pm.

**Pre-Synod meeting** The Revd Jan Clark is convening a pre-synod meeting to discuss the agenda before the diocesan synod. This will meet in the St Peter's hall on Thursday evening at 7.30 pm.

**Vestry meeting** The recent 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 Brook's mother, with second prize going to Nancy Scurr, and third to Karen Merilees, both of Frances Hodgkin's. The raffle has raised \$681 towards the repainting of the hall.

**Thank you** to those who came to Church yesterday to pray for the Diocese. Your written prayers will be offered on the altar at the 10.30 am Service.

**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. Copies of this document are available for your perusal at the back of the Church.

**The big Six O** The Vicar turns 60 on Wednesday. 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.

**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.

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