



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

4 November 2012

All Saints

God and Man at Table are Sat Down

O, welcome all ye noble saints of old,
 As now before your very eyes unfold
 The wonders all so long ago foretold,
 God and man at table are sat down

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down,
 Prophets, patriarchs are gathering round
 What angels longed to see now man has found,
 God and man at table are sat down

Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
 Who is this who makes our warring cease?
 Jesus, risen saviour, prince of peace,
 God and man at table are sat down

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here,
 Repentant publicans are drawing near,
 Wayward sons come home without a fear,
 God and man at table are sat down

Worship in the presence of the Lord,
 With joyful songs and hearts in one accord,
 And let your host at table be adored,
 God and man at table are sat down

When at last this earth shall pass away
 When Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
 The feast of love is just begun that day,
 God and man at table are sat down

R.J. Stamps

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:

197 For all thy saints
 472 When all thy mercies, O my God
 381 Jerusalem the golden
 208 In the day of our thanksgiving
 432 O what their joy and their glory must be
 (omit starred verses)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Revelation 7:2-4,9-14](#)
[1 John 3:1-3](#)
[Matthew 5:1-12a](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Wisdom 3:1-9](#)
[Romans 5:5-11](#)
[John 6:37-40](#)

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Entrée from Suite Medievale.* Jean
 Langlais [1907-1991]

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Offertoire pour la Toussaint.* Cecile
 Chaminade [1857-1944]

Parish News

Procession Our 10.30am Service this morning begins
 with a procession around the Church. Please feel free to
 join in.

Today's Sermon is entitled "That extra dimension of being." All Christians are called to be saints, yet when we measure ourselves by the heroic dimensions of some whom the Church remembers by name, we can feel that we will never even get into the starting blocks. But as we reflect on the beatitudes, the charter for saints, we come to understand that "grace precedes requirements," as Donald Hagner put it, that what is asked of us is also given by God.

All Souls Given the parish's custom of Sundaizing major feasts, All Souls will be celebrated next Sunday.

Parish lunch A potluck lunch will follow the 10.30 am Service next Sunday. All welcome.

Anglican Consultative meeting The Anglican Consultative Council has now concluded its meeting in Auckland. There has been a patchy turnout from the global south delegates who could have been there, and the Bishops from the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans and the Global Anglican Future Conference have stayed away. So the representation from Africa and Asia is not what it could have been. The Anglican Covenant was all but dead by the time the meeting began, so presumably it will be laid to rest with as much dignity as possible. And with the news of Rowan Williams' retirement now well known leaders in the Anglican world will already be looking past him to see who will emerge as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, and what agendas will emerge as the next major focus of the Communion's life. The American Episcopal church may well be estimating that it has all but got away with its recent controversial changes with little major contestation from the instruments of Communion. So with this a largely non-event meeting, the big issues of the unity or fragmentation of the Communion, and the changes needed to promote the future flourishing of the Communion, remain unresolved. The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting Christchurch this weekend.

New thurible Our thurible, which we use for burning incense at the Parish Eucharist, is becoming harder to use as its chains become unstable. A parishioner has taken the initiative in seeking out a suitable new one, and has generously offered to fund most of its purchase, with David Hoskins and the Vicar chipping in. Would other parishioners like to be associated with the purchase of this important item of worship equipment? Please speak to the Vicar if you feel moved to do this.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

Called South Copies of the new edition of the Diocesan magazine, 'Called South' are available. Please take a copy.

The Rock The October edition of the Rock is now available, and can be collected from the back of the Church.

Fundraiser for Hall refurbishment fund Raffle tickets at \$2 each are available at the back of the Church and in the Hall. Prizes are (1) Woollen bedcover for double bed (2) Patchwork wall hanging (3) \$50 worth of hair products. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

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

Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: especially Cameron Henderson, Annie Hill, Charlie Bedford, Jack Finnie, Charlie Bedford, Minnie Fowler, Alex Fowler, and William Gwynne

Church grounds working bee There will be a clean up of the Church grounds on Saturday beginning at 10 am. Your help would be much appreciated on the day.

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