



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

18 November 2012

33rd Sunday

Church Going

Once I am sure there is nothing going on
I step inside, letting the door thud shut,
Another church: matting, seats, and stone,
And little books; sprawlings of flowers, cut
For Sunday, brownish now; some brass and stuff
Up at the holy end; the small neat organ;
And a tense, musty, unignorable silence,
Brewed God knows how long. Hatless, I take off
My cycle-clips in awkward reverence.

A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.
And that much can never be obsolete,
Since someone will forever be surprising
A hunger in himself to be more serious,
And gravitating with it to this ground,
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,
If only that so many dead lie around.

Philip Larkin

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 Taizé Mass)

HYMNS:

466 Thou whose almighty word

407 Lord, thy word abideth

471 We love the place O God

208 In our day of thanksgiving

349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

[Hebrews 10:11-14,18](#)

[Mark 13:24-32](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Daniel 7:13-14](#)

[Revelation 1:5-8](#)

[John 18:33-37](#)

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Tune in c.* George Thalben Ball (1896-1987)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Hymn Improvisation: *Aurelia*. David Cherwein (b. 1957)

Parish News

Dedication of the Church Today we commemorate the dedication of the present St Peter's Church 120 years ago. The collect for the day will reflect this cause for

thanksgiving. We might like to spare a thought for our neighbours at Holy Cross, St Kilda, who are celebrating their centenary today.

Today's Sermon is entitled "Lord of the future, God of history." As Advent approaches our readings begin to take on an apocalyptic, "when the stars begin to fall" tone. They invite us to consider how God is involved in the unfolding of history, since he will have the last word on the human story.

Run it up the flagpole Parishioners may have noticed that our flag of St George has not been proudly flying from our flagpole in recent weeks. Oft repaired, it had finally come to the end of its life. However, a replacement has now been purchased, and is now on station above Hillside Rd. The Vicar has also ordered a "Compass Rose" flag, the emblem of the Anglican Communion, and a sign that the parish looks beyond being merely a local, national version of the Anglican Church to a wider sense of belonging to our world wide Communion. If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of this please mention it to the Vicar.

Fellowship group The group will have its Christmas dinner on Tuesday 27 November at St Barnabas preceded by a Service in the Chapel at 6.15 pm. Cost \$25 for the meal, and \$5 for a gift. Ring Raylene 455 2389 in the evenings to book in.

Watchnight Service You are invited to see in the New Year at your parish Church as we celebrate the Liturgy of St Basil, preceded by a Vigil of Readings especially suitable for greeting the New Year, beginning at 10 pm. A social gathering in the Vicarage will follow this as we await midnight. Please let the Vicar know if you are available to read a lesson at this Service.

Carol Services The Ecumenical Carol Service will be at St James Presbyterian Church in King Edward St on Sunday 16 December at 7 pm. The St Peter's Nine Lessons and Carols Service will be on the Sunday closest to Christmas 23 December also at 7 pm.

A Parish forum will follow the 10.30 am Service next Sunday with a general round up of parish news, and a particular focus on this month's Vestry meeting reinvestment decisions regarding some of the parish bequests. A reminder that we will farewell Edith and Eli at the 10.30 am Service.

Hermeneutical Hui The Vicar has agreed to the Bishop's request that he be a part of the diocesan representative team at the last of the Provincial hermeneutical hui on human sexuality in Auckland 1-2 February next year. Because of diocesan budget constraints he will need to meet his own travel and accommodation costs. The hui are the brainchild of Archbishop David Moxon who hopes that they will generate a useful consensus on how to approach the key Biblical texts in the human sexuality debate. Meanwhile the Dunedin diocesan hui on human sexuality, that originated out of this year's Synod, has been set down for Saturday 25 May. It is unclear at this stage whether just Synod members or all comers can take part in this exercise.

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

Pray for those who have died especially Margaret Finnie whose funeral was on Friday and those whose memorials occur at this time: Ruby Trim, Colin Trim, Keith Littler, Dulcie Sutherland, Brent Henderson and Vera McLeod.

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