



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

27 January 2013

Epiphany 3

The Holy Scriptures

Oh Book! Infinite sweetness! let my heart
Suck every letter, and a honey gain,
Precious for any grief in any part;
To clear the breast, to mollify all pain.

Thou art all health, health thriving till it make
A full eternity: thou art a mass
Of strange delights, where we may wish and take.
Ladies, look here; this is the thankful glass,

That mends the looker's eyes: this is the well
That washes what it shows. Who can endear
Thy praise too much? Thou art heaven's Ledger here,
Working against the states of death and hell.

Thou art joys handsell: heaven lies flat in thee,
Subject to every mounters knee.

Oh that I knew how all thy lights combine,
And the configurations of their glory!
Seeing not only how each verse doth shine,
But all the constellations of the story.

Stars are poor books, and often times do miss:
This book of stars lights to eternal bliss.

(Handsell: a first instalment or payment)

George Herbert

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:

451 Songs of praise the angels sang

407 Lord, thy word abideth

468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

281 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

467 Through all the changing scenes of life

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:12-30](#)

[Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13](#)

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

ORGAN PRELUDE: 'Folk Tune' (from Five Short Pieces) Percy Whitlock (1903-1943)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: 'Allegretto Pensoso' (from Vesper Voluntaries, Op.14) Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Parish News

Today's sermon Today's Nehemiah reading describes a pivotal moment in the development of Jewish

religion when the people gather together to hear the Scriptures read aloud, and then have them explained to them. The notion that people can be powerfully connected to God by a collective listening to the Word of God is a cornerstone of Synagogue worship, is unknown to many of the major world religions, and has been powerfully influential in what we do in the first half of this Service, the Liturgy of the Word. How then can we let the Word have powerful sway in our midst as we listen attentively to it together?

Lectern The lectern, which is used for lectures, funerals and Vigil Services, has been stained to blend in with the pews, and is now back in its accustomed place near the choir pews.

Repainting of the hall interior is almost complete. Fundraising for this project continues as we have resolved to meet the costs through parishioner subscription, and are only half way there so far.

Hermeneutical hui The Vicar will be in Auckland from Wednesday to Saturday, in the main attending the last of the hermeneutical hui on human sexuality as one of the Dunedin diocesan representatives. Archbishop David Moxon instituted these hui some years back in an attempt to bring peace to the Church by searching for common ways of reading the Bible, and so approaching the texts on controversial areas of human sexuality in a way that opened up dialogue. In a way this event will be his Provincial swan song before he departs to Rome in a few months time to be the Anglican Communion's ambassador to the Holy See.

Thursday Eucharist This week's celebrant will be Fr Wiremu Quedley.

Friendship group meets on Tuesday 12 February in the lounge at 2 pm to discuss the 2013 programme.

Wanted – A Minister who believes in God A Danish parish has placed just such a nationwide advertisement, and has attracted worldwide publicity. They are concerned about recent utterances by the Revd Thorkild Grosboll who declared, "There is no heavenly God, no eternal life, no resurrection," and who was able to continue in parish ministry for quite some years after these apostate statements. The Danish clergy union has decried the advertisement, saying that it limits clergy freedom of belief, which says it all about the extent to which Danish Lutheranism has lost the plot. For analysis of this self-destructive tendency in some sections of the western church go to [Margaret Wenté's article in the Canadian Globe and Mail, entitled, the collapse of the liberal church](#), which is also on our noticeboard.

Film season resumes Tomorrow night, "Molokai" will be shown, the story of Fr Damien and his ministry on the leper island of Molokai. A 7 pm Eucharist in the Church will precede the screenings.

The Rock The deadline for copy for the February edition of the Rock is 17 February.

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

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Margaret Peterson, Vera Paris, and Nora Rodgers,

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