



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

9 June 2013 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Contraband

The tree of knowledge was the tree of reason.
 That's why the taste of it
 drove us from Eden. That fruit
 was meant to be dried and milled to a fine powder
 for use a pinch at a time, a condiment.
 God had probably planned to tell us later
 about this new pleasure.

We stuffed our mouths full of it,
 gorged on *but* and *if* and *how* and again
but, knowing no better.
 It's toxic in large quantities; fumes
 swirled in our heads and around us
 to form a dense cloud that hardened us to steel,
 a wall between us and God, Who was Paradise.
 Not that God is unreasonable – but reason
 in such excess was tyranny
 and locked us into its limits, a polished cell
 reflecting our faces. God lives
 on other side of that mirror,
 but through the slit where the barrier doesn't
 quite touch ground, manages still
 to squeeze in – as filtered light,
 splinters of fire, a strain of music heard
 then lost, then heard again

Denise Levertov

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 and the pot luck lunch in the
 Parish Lounge after the Solemn Sung Eucharist this
 morning

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

- Let hearts awaken (see inset sheet)
- 216 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth
- 415 O for a thousand tongues
- 72 My faith looks up to thee
- 438 Praise to God whose word has spoken

READINGS FOR TODAY

- [1 Kings 17: 17-24](#)
- [Galatians 1: 11-19](#)
- [Luke 7: 11-17](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

- [2 Samuel 12: 7-10](#)
- [Galatians 2: 16, 19-21](#)
- [Luke 7:36-8:3](#)

Organ Postlude: *Toccata: Psalm 146* Jan Zwart (1877-1937)

Parish News

Potluck lunch A pot luck lunch follows our 10.30 am Service, as is our custom on the second Sunday in the month.

Friendship group The Friendship group will meet on Tuesday 18 June at 12 noon for lunch at St Barnabas. Cost \$10.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet at St Barnabas for a midwinter lunch on Tuesday 25 June at 12 noon. Cost \$10. All are welcome to attend the 11 am Eucharist in the St Barnabas chapel before both these luncheons.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 1 pm on Friday 28 June. As many helpers as possible would be appreciated.

Pause in lecture programme Last Tuesday's lecture on Charles Gore marked the end of the series of talks on framers of Anglican identity. Next year the theme will be taken up in a different way by looking at outstanding personalities of 20th century Anglo-Catholicism. We now pause in the Caversham lecture programme through the winter months, and then resume on Tuesday 12 November with "Altogether, and in tune this time," in which David Hoskins will consider the role of former organists and music directors at St Peters as agents of cultural enrichment in the local community.

Our Patronal festival is not far away now with Choral Evensong beginning the celebrations on Saturday 29 June at 5 pm, followed by a potluck meal.

Church engineering inspection Last week an engineer inspected St Peter's as part of the overall diocesan assessment of the earthquake vulnerability of buildings. While the written report is some time away, the inspector's comments were more encouraging than expected. The bricks and mortar are in reasonable condition, the buttresses are a major strengthening agent, and the bell tower has helpful angles on it, and is not too high. The vulnerability points are of course the west and east walls, which are leaning outwards.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Organ Music: Throughout June the organ postludes at the 10.30 am service will be drawn from the Dutch tradition of music interpreting verses of psalms. This is an integral part of a centuries old tradition and continues to produce music of great beauty.

Syria appeal Christian World Service has launched an appeal for Syrian families fleeing the fighting in that country's bitter civil war. Donations can be sent to CWS at P O Box 22652, Christchurch, and should be mailed directly to CWS at that address.

Heavenly aroma Thanks to our Timaru parishioners David and Wendy Stocks the parish has been given some Glastonbury and Rosa Mystica incense, the crème de la crème of Church incense.

Thursday Services in hall The onset of winter means that from now on the Thursday 10 am Holy Eucharist will be in the lounge.

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

Pray for those who have died and those whose memorial occurs at this time: Mary Brown, Dulcie Healy, and Hugh Carruthers.

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