



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

16 June 2013 Eleventh Sunday, Year C

The Spirits Appeased

A wanderer comes at last
to the forest hut where it was promised
someone wise would receive him.
And there's no one there; birds and small animals
flutter and vanish, then return to observe.
No human eyes meet his.
But in the hut there's food,
set to keep warm besides glowing logs,
and fragrant garments to fit him, replacing
the rags of his journey,
and a bed of heather drom the hills.
He stays there waiting. Each day the fire
is replenished, the pot refilled while he sleeps.
He draws up water from the well,
writes of his travels, listens for footsteps.
Little by little he finds
the absent sage is speaking to him,
is present.

This is the way
you have spoken to me, the way-startled-
I find I have heard you. When I need it,
a book or a slip of paper
appears in my hand, minscribed by yours: messages
waiting on cellar shelves, in forgotten boxes
until I would listen.

Your spirits relax;
now she is looking, you say to each other,
now she begins to see.

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 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:

477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious
341 Blest are the pure in heart
353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
297 Lord Jesus Christ
391 King of glory, King of peace

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1](#)
[Galatians 3: 26-29](#)
[Luke 9: 18-24](#)

Organ Postlude: *Meditation on the hymn "O Lord with wondrous mystery"* Hendrik Andriessen [1892-1981]

Parish News

Friendship group The Friendship group will meet on Tuesday 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 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. The Caversham lectures so far can be viewed and heard on the parish web site.

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 Recently an engineer inspected St Peter’s as part of the overall diocesan assesment 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.

Diocesan submission to Ma Whea Commission The Bishop’s blog site “*Available Light*” has what announces itself as the diocesan submission to the *Ma Whea Commission* on the subject of human sexuality and marriage. Presumably this arises out of the recent diocesan hui on the subject, although the submission is puzzlingly entitled “My submission,” perhaps on the grounds that, “L’etat c’est moi,” as one observer noted it. For those who do not have internet access the submission is on the noticeboard in the Link.

Rock Contributions for the June edition of the Rock should reach David Scoular by Sunday 23 June.

Organ Music: Throughout June the organ postludes at the 10.30 am service will be drawn from the Dutch tradition of music intepreting 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: Ada Higham, Claire Taiaroa, Roger Taylor [Priest], Geoffrey Dale [Priest]

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