



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

23 June 2013

Twelfth Sunday, Year C

### Winter Poem

Shall we praise you, hail-hurling God,  
in winter's splendour,  
in the grace of snow  
that covers with brightness  
and reshapes both your creation and ours?  
Or shall we curse the fierce cold  
that punishes homeless people  
and shortens tempers?  
Blessed are you  
in the earth's tilt and course.  
Blessed are you in the sleep of winter  
and in the oncoming spring.  
Now and then and always,  
fill these lands with peace

*Author unknown,  
If anyone knows who wrote this poem  
please contact the Vicar*

### 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:

440 Praise to the Lord (omit starred verses)  
472 When all thy mercies, O my God  
404 Lord of our life, and God of our salvation  
308 Thee we adore  
339 Be thou my vision

### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Acts 12: 1-11](#)  
[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18](#)  
[Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

**Organ Postlude:** *Psalms 33* Egbert Woelerink (1914-1997)

### Parish News

**Today's sermon** is entitled, "The cost of being a Christian." Jesus initiates a conversation with the disciples about his true identity, which isn't allowed to stop there. It turns out that what is in store for him is also in store for

those who follow him in every age. But as it happens this is the path to true fulfilment of a rather unexpected kind.

**Parish forum** A parish forum will follow this morning's 10.30 am Service with a roundup of parish and diocesan news.

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

**Church smoking gallery** The Balmoral dairy across the road sells synthetic cannabis and herbal highs. Some of the customers of these unhelpful substances smoke them in the Church porch, concealed behind one of the doors, and then stub out their cigarettes on the carpet. The parliamentary banning of these substances can't come soon enough.

**Our Patronal festival** is next weekend with Choral Evensong beginning the celebrations on Saturday 29 June at 5 pm, followed by a potluck meal. Our guest preacher on Sunday morning will be the Revd Jonathan Hicks, who is completing his PhD in theology at Otago before moving to the Solomons next year to teach at a local theological college. Please show your pride in your parish church by attending our Services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**Horizon group** The Horizon group is a spiritual development programme for the elderly that will run over 7 successive Monday afternoons through July and early August. Based at the Francis Hodgkins complex, and very much aimed at the needs of residents, it is nevertheless open to all parishioners who may wish to attend. St Peters has in any case quite a number of parishioners there. The Vicar will lead the sessions, with input also from guest speakers, such as Dr Anna Holmes, a local palliative care specialist. A copy of the programme is on the noticeboard, and the Vicar will be speaking about this at the parish forum.

**Rock** Contributions for the June edition of the Rock should reach David Scoular by today.

**Mission boxes** If you have one of the Anglican Missions Board donation boxes, and it is nearly full, please hand it to the Vicar for onward transfer to the Wellington Missions Board office.

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

**Draft roster** The next roster of Church worship duties is on display on the Link noticeboard. Every effort has been made to formulate this in accordance with parishioners away from Dunedin plans, but there is still time for small adjustments before final publication.

**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. For those who do not have internet access the submission is on the noticeboard in the Link.

**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: Charles Booker, Betty Prail, Gardner Murray Norman Lanham and John Watson.

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