

The Pebble

14 July 2013 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How stories end

Happy endings are only a pause.
There are three kinds of big endings:
Revenge. Tragedy. Forgiveness.
Revenge and tragedy often happen together.
Forgiveness redeems the past.
Forgiveness unblocks the future

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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 potluck 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:

357	Father, hear the prayer we offer
323	Father of mercy, God of consolation
351	Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
311	We pray thee, heavenly Father.
244	Glory to thee, my God, this night

READINGS FOR TODAY

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 Colossians 1: 15-20 Luke 10: 25-37

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 18: 1-10 Colossians 1: 24-28 Luke 10: 38-42

Organ Postlude:

Contemplation Op. 82. No. 2. Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Parish News

<u>Today's sermon</u> is entitled "The children of utu." It considers the way in Christ's gospel of forgiveness and

non-retaliation is good news for the human race in its genetically over programmed tendencies to aggresion and retaliation. God is at work to create a more compassionate version of the human race.

Potluck Lunch today Everyone is welcome to the potluck lunch after the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist this morning.

Rock deadline The copy deadline for the July edition of the Rock is 21 July. The Vicar will be writing an article entitled "Bizarre Appointments," in which he reflects on some recent high profile clergy appointments in the New Zealand Anglican world. David Scoular's sterling efforts in attracting advertisers have resulted in the Rock becoming a financially self-supporting operation.

Spring blossom bus tour Following on from the success of the parish bus tour to Maheno, Oamaru earlier this year another expedition is in the planning process for Saturday 5 October to catch the spring blossom season by following the circular route through Roxburgh, Alexandra, Ranfurly. For further details talk to Kate Paterson or the Vicar.

Horizon group The Horizon group is a spiritual development programme for the elderly that is running over 7 succesive Monday afternoons at 2 pm through July and early August, based at the Frances Hodgkins complex, meeting on level 5 of the apartments building. Tomorrow the Vicar will be leading a session on the Grey Power revolution. It will consider the demographic changes in New Zealand society that will soon make the retired one of the most numerous population groups, with all the implications that development will have for retirement age, pensions, taxation, health care policies and funding, immigration and politics. Next Monday's session will comsider how the ageing process affects the human brain.

<u>Mission boxes</u> 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.

Roster The next roster of Church worship 10.30 am duties running from July to October has now been published in final form and distributed by e mail or post. Every effort has been made to amend it in line with parishioner's weekend commitments, but inevitably some circumstances have not been forseen. Please swap with someone else on the list if this situation affects you.

Fellowship group meets next in the parish hall 23 July 12 noon to hear David Horne talk about his recent trip to Iraq, accompanied by a slide show. All parishioners are welcome to hear about this region of much interest. A lunch of bread and soup will be served so knowledge of numbers attending will be necessary. Please sign up on noticeboard in the Link. A gold coin collection will cover lunch costs, and enable a donation to Anglican Family Care.

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 especially Ngaire Newall, Len Burt, Margaret Fraser, Beatrice Beattie, Evelyn Ward, Dorothy Dickie, Arthur Hughes.

Thursday Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursdays at 10 am.

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