



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

21 July 2013 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Trinitarian Prayer

Almighty God, dear heavenly Father,
In surpassing wisdom you guide the course of our world.
The world always seeks to escape you, Lord, but with a
gentle hand you guide all things back to you. We thank
you, Lord, and pray that you would guide also the course
of our lives within this world that we might find rest,
O God, in you.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your surpassing wisdom is revealed in the depths of
human misery and in words and actions that seem foolish
in our eyes. Open our blind eyes to your hidden glory that
shines when it is least expected.

God, Holy Spirit,
You are the Spirit that makes the foolish wise and the
weak strong. Lift us, Holy Spirit, out of our own
weakness. Encourage the weary, gather the scattered,
calm the distracted. God, Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of
joy. Fill us now with the joy of faith, so that we, free of fear
and timidity, can come out of ourselves and entrust
ourselves fully and completely to you, O Triune God.

Eberhard Jungel

*Today's first reading from Genesis is the inspiration for a famous
icon of the Trinity entitled, "The Hospitality of Abraham"*

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:

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies
416 O God of Bethel by whose hand
332 All hail the power of Jesu's name
270 According to thy gracious word
245 God that madest earth and heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 18: 1-10](#)

[Colossians 1: 24-28](#)

[Luke 10: 38-42](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Genesis 18: 20-32](#)

[Colossians 2: 12-14](#)

[Luke 11: 1-13](#)

Organ Postlude: *Sarabande* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Parish News

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
a route through Middlemarch, Ranfurly, Naseby, the Clyde
dam lookout, Alexandra, Roxburgh, Lawrence and Milton.
For further details talk to Kate Paterson or the Vicar.

Flag down The flag pole rope has broken, thus making it impossible to fly the flag. Enquiries are under way as to who might be able supply a suitable rope and reinsert it. Given the age and frailty of the flag pole it might be an idea to replace it, and re site it more conveniently.

Horizon group The Horizon group is a spiritual development programme for the elderly that is running over 7 successive 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's session will be about how the ageing process affects the human brain. We will also consider how we can relate effectively to those suffering from dementia.

Vestry news Last Wednesday's Vestry meeting received a briefing on the investment and asset backing of the Growth Fund, in which the Vestry recently decided to place two of the bequests in order to have sufficient future funds to address issues of earthquake strengthening. The Bishop is keen to meet with Vestries, and preliminary thought was given as to the topics the Vestry would like to discuss with him. Consideration was given to the possibility of replacing the Church lighting system so as to considerably reduce the expense of having to call out tradesmen to replace the lights hanging over the pews. Further research is needed on the options available. There was a discussion about a changed format for celebrating the Patronal Festival. Next year the meal will follow the Sunday 10.30 am Service, rather than being a Saturday night event.

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.

Book of Remembrance If you would like to add names to the Book of Remembrance please contact David Hoskins 455-7537.

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 foreseen. Please swap with someone else on the list if this situation affects you.

Fellowship group meets next in the parish hall on Tuesday at 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, Margery Palmer and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died and those whose memorial occurs at this time especially Irene Wright, Martha Allen, Marie Brown and Beryl Heazlewood.

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

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