



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

8 September 2013

23rd Sunday, Year C

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring-

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy peartreeleaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their
fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

Astrain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning
In Eden garden – Have, get it before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,

Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the
winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

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:

467 Through all the changing scenes of life
323 Father of mercy, God of consolation
351 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
285 For the beauty of the earth
251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Wisdom 9: 13-18](#)

[Philemon 9-10, 12-17](#)

[Luke 14: 25-33](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14](#)

[1 Timothy 1: 12-17](#)

[Luke 15: 1-32](#)

Organ Postlude: *Allegretto (Five Short Pieces)* Percy
Whitlock (1903-1946))

Parish News

Potluck lunch A potluck lunch will follow the 10.30
am Service. All are welcome.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and the Wardens will meet on Tuesday. If you have any matters you want raised at that meeting please mention them to Tubby or to Kate.

Vestry The Vestry meets one week earlier than usual on Thursday of this week to suit the Bishop, who is visiting Vestries throughout the diocese.

Fellowship group The St Peter's Fellowship group will be holding a Pot Luck Tea in the hall, followed by a talk by Mr Douglas Clark of the Red Cross on Tuesday 24 September at 6.30 pm. Please advise Gay Webb ph 476 1613 to let her know you are coming.

Friendship group The Friendship group will meet on Tuesday at 2 pm for a cuppa and a chat.

Spring blossom bus tour A bus expedition has been organised for Saturday 5 October to catch the spring blossom season by following a route through Middlemarch, Naseby, the Clyde dam lookout, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and Milton. Tickets are on sale now at \$30 and can be obtained from Kate Paterson or the Vicar.

Synod in September The Diocesan Synod will meet from 27 to 29 September at St Hilda's. The Diocesan Council has decided to follow up on the Vicar's motion of last year for reducing the size of Synod by proposing that each parish send one priest and one lay person to Synod in future. This would make for a much smaller Synod.

Evelyn DePree who was recently profiled in the Rock as a long time associate of the parish died at St Barnabas last week. Her Requiem will be at St Michael's Andersons Bay on Monday at 11 am. Parishioners can pay their last respects to Evelyn in the Chapel at St Barnabas, where her body is currently resting

Organ music at the Cathedral every Tuesday lunchtime (12.50pm to 1.10pm) by George Chittendon (St Paul's cathedral organist) This Tuesday music featured will be by Louis Vierne, including the famous "Final" from Symphony No 1. Free entry/donations.

Waikato's new Bishop The Revd Helen-Ann Hartley is to be the new Bishop of Waikato. For the past two years she has been the Principal of the Tikanga Pakeha section of St John's theological College Auckland. Aged 40, she is from Britain, was ordained in 2005, and after serving in a rural team ministry, became the Director of Biblical studies at Cuddesdon theological College. This means we will now have a Canadian, an American, and an Englishwoman on the bench of bishops. The old cultural nationalist dream of nothing but New Zealand Bishops for a proudly New Zealand Anglican Church appears to be at an end.

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 Rona Hithcox, William Peterson, Peter Palmer and Dorothy Leftwich

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