



**St. Peter's Caversham**  
**The Pebble**

**22 September 2013**

**25th Sunday, Year C**

**St Matthew and All**

Lorene – we thought she'd come home. But it got late, and then days. Now it has been years. Why shouldn't she, if she wanted? I would: something comes along, a sunny day, you start walking; you meet a person who says, "Follow me," and things lead on.

Usually it wouldn't happen, but sometimes the neighbours notice your car is gone, the patch of oil in the driveway, and it fades. They forget.

In the Bible it happened – fishermen, Levites. They just went away, and kept going. Thomas, away off in India, never came, back.

But Lorene – it was a stranger maybe, and he said, "Your life, I need it." And nobody else did.

*William Stafford*

**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:**

473 When Morning Gilds the Skies.

271 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

370 Help Us, O Lord, to Learn

Clear Vault of Heaven (On enclosed sheet)

236 Forth in Thy Name

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Amos 8: 4-7](#)

[Timothy 2: 1-8](#)

[Luke 16: 1-13](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Amos 6: 4-7](#)

[1 Timothy 6: 11-16](#)

[Luke 16: 19-31](#)

**Organ Postlude:** *Postlude* Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

**Parish News**

**The Rock** The deadline for articles for the September edition of the Rock is today.

**Today** This morning's celebrant and preacher is Fr Roger Barker as the Vicar is in Sydney giving a paper at the Greek Orthodox Seminary, at which a theology conference will be taking place on St

Cyril of Alexandria, one of the great theological generators of Christian orthodoxy as we understand it today. The Vicar returns on Tuesday this week. In the event of pastoral emergencies please contact the Revd Eric Kyte, the Vicar of St John's Roslyn, ph 464 0240.

**The Gloria** We will sing the Taize gloria (on enclosed sheet) instead of the Lourdes gloria at this morning's 10.30 am Service.

**Daylight saving** A reminder that clocks go forward one hour next Sunday morning. Don't miss out on worship because you have lost all sense of time.

**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 at 6.30 pm. Please advise Gay Webb ph 476 1613 to let her know you are coming.

**Synod in September** The Diocesan Synod will meet next weekend at St Hilda's, concluding at 5 pm on Saturday evening. Motions to divest from companies involved in fossil fuel extraction and production, and to support the living wage campaign, will be before the Synod, and have already been endorsed by the Auckland Synod. There will be a proposed revision of the Cathedral statute, and a motion to unite the parishes of St Martins North East Valley and All Saints into one. There will also be motions proposing to considerably downsize Synod in future, and to dissolve and reallocate trusts and bequests that can no longer answer the purpose for which they were originally intended.

**GAFCON 2** The second Global Anglican Future Conference will meet in Nairobi, Kenya from 21-26 October, around the theme "Making Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ." This will be one of the first great tests of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby as to whether he can insert himself into the leadership of the event, or stay away while skillfully mitigating its effects. Parishioners may recall that GAFCON 1 took place shortly before the last Lambeth Conference as a way of upstaging that event, taking participants away from Lambeth, and protesting against the perceived lack of leadership by the last Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

**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.

**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 Susan Snell and Ada Morris.

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