



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

29 September 2013

26th Sunday, Year C

East Coker

Home is where one starts from. As we grow older
The world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated
Of dead and living. Not the intense moment
Isolated, with no before and after,
But a lifetime burning in every moment
And not the lifetime of one man only
But of old stones that cannot be deciphered.
There is a time for the evening under starlight,
A time for the evening under lamplight
(The evening with the photograph album).
Love is most nearly itself
When here and now cease to matter.
Old men ought to be explorers
Here and now does not matter
We must be still and moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion
---In my end is my beginning

T S Eliot
The Four Quartets

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:

- 346 City of God, how broad and far
- 341 Blest are the pure in heart
- 326 Brief life is here our portion
- 274 Author of life divine
- 383 Jesu, lover of my soul

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Amos 6: 4-7](#)

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

[Luke 16: 19-31](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Habakuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4](#)

[2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14](#)

[Luke 17: 5-9](#)

Organ Postlude: Improvisation

Parish News

Today This morning's sermon is entitled, "Better to serve in heaven than rule in hell," a reflection on the parable of Dives and Lazarus.

Last chance to buy a ticket for the spring bus tour

Our much awaited spring bus trip to Middlemarch, Naseby, the Clyde dam and Alexandra is next Saturday. There is still time to buy a ticket from Kate Paterson or the Vicar. We start sharp at 8.30 am, don't be late.

Synod report back The Diocesan Synod concluded yesterday evening. The Vicar will report on its deliberations at a parish forum following this morning's 10.30 am Service.

Harvest festival/Thanksgiving Sunday Next Sunday we give thanks to God for all his blessings to us through the natural world in which we are privileged to live, and from which we draw our sustenance. This will also be an opportunity to thank God for all his blessings and generosity to us in so many aspects of our lives. The custom of keeping harvest festival was missed last year, and has been brought back at parishioner request, thus the slightly unusual time of the year in keeping it. However it does key in with the spring growth which we now see all around us.

Financial facts Next Sunday marks also the start of our October stewardship programme. It starts on a note of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to us in our Sunday Service theme, and will also include an opportunity to become fully informed about the parish's current financial situation. This will take place through the medium of a parish forum after the 10.30 am Service at which a financial facts pamphlet will be given out. At this year's AGM we published a budget for the year ahead for the first time. Next Sunday's presentation will be an opportunity to see how we are doing 10 months into the year relative to our expectations and planning.

The Rock is available for collection at the back of the Church.

Day of intercession for the parish The Church will be open for prayer throughout **Saturday 12 October** as we pray in intercession for the needs of our parish, and for its future vitality as a community of faith. The day will begin with a celebration of the **Eucharist at 10 am**, with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar** from then on as an aid to prayer. It would be much appreciated if you could sign up on the Link noticeboard to take a half hour prayer time. The day will conclude with **Evensong and Benediction at 4 pm**. The day of intercession is part of our October Stewardship programme.

Guest preacher Our guest preacher on Sunday 20 October will be the Revd Graham Langley, who until his recent retirement was our Archdeacon and the Vicar of Balclutha.

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 Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth Blackledge, James Blackledge, and Andrew Stier

The Red Cross Choir The Dunedin Red Cross Choir who have sung at the 10.30 service on a number of occasions will be presenting a concert at Kings and Queens Performing Arts Centre, Sunday October 6. See details on the Link noticeboard.

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