



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

6 October 2013 Harvest Festival, and Thanksgiving Sunday

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and
hearty thanks
For all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all
men;
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the
blessings of this life;
But above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption
of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy
mercies,
That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
And that we show forth thy praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives;
By giving up ourselves to thy service,
And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness
all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the
Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen

The Book of Common Prayer

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:

- 259 Come, ye thankful people come
261 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
285 For the beauty of the earth
265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour (T.St.
Osmund)
264 All things bright and beautiful

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Joel 2: 21-24, 26-27](#)

[1 Timothy 6: 6-11, 17-19](#)

[Luke 12: 15-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[2 Kings 5: 14-17](#)

[2 Timothy 2: 8-13](#)

[Luke 17: 11-19](#)

Organ Postlude: Prelude in C BMW 553 J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Parish News

Today This morning's sermon is entitled, "Give
thanks to the Lord for he is gracious, and his mercies

endure forever,” a reflection on today’s thanksgiving theme.

Harvest festival/Thanksgiving Sunday Today 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 This 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. This Sunday’s presentation will be an opportunity to see how we are doing 10 months into the year relative to our expectations and planning.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Tuesday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

All Souls We will celebrate All Souls day on Sunday 3 November. Please let us have the names of those you want recalled at that Service. There is an appropriate notice in the Link for you to record those names. These will be added to names already remembered from the Memorial Book.

Brief meeting The Vicar would be grateful if the 8 am regulars could gather at the back of the Church for a brief meeting after this morning’s Service.

Day of intercession for the parish The Church will be open for prayer throughout next **Saturday** 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, Pat Gilchrist and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died and those whose memorial occurs at this time especially Janey Ross, Helen Elliot, Willian Lanham, David Steele, Stanley Wright, Elvira Steel, Nyra Phillips, Shona Thomas, Lynette Welch, Jean Errington, Bruce Robbins, Grace Hughes, Helen Larkins, Vene Peterson, and Ruth Finnigin.

Rock deadline The deadline for this month’s edition of the Rock is Sunday 20 October.

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