



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

**20 October 2013**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year C**

***from Clearances***

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When all the others were away at Mass  
I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.  
They broke the silence, let fall one by one  
Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:  
Cold comfort set between us, things to share  
Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.  
And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes  
From each others work would bring us to our senses.

So while the parish priest at her bedside  
Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying  
And some were responding and some crying  
I remembered her head bent towards my head,  
Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives –  
Never closer the whole rest of our lives.

*Seamus Heaney, who died recently, was considered by many to be Ireland's greatest living poet. He grew up in the north, but later moved to the Republic, and in his latter years received the Nobel prize for literature.*

**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:**

137 Come down, O love divine  
464 Thou art the way, by thee alone  
Take my life (see inset sheet)  
306 Strengthen for service  
346 City of God, how broad and far

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

[Exodus 17: 8-13](#)  
[2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2](#)  
[Luke 18: 1-8](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19](#)  
[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18](#)  
[Luke 18: 9-14](#)

**Organ Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune* David German (1954-)

**Parish News**

**Today** we welcome the Revd Graham Langley as our guest preacher. Graham was, until his recent retirement, Vicar of Balclutha and our Archdeacon.

**Vestry news** Last Wednesday's Vestry meeting confirmed that Neil Scrymgeour's recent bequest gift of \$1,000 would be added to the new amalgamated fund invested with the

Trust Board's growth fund, for the purpose of having sufficient capital in due course for earthquake strengthening and roof replacement. The recently received engineering earthquake strengthening report was received and considered. The diocese has appointed an advisor who is to meet with Vestries and advise them on their next response moves. Consideration was given to the possibility of having a music and movement group meeting in our hall, and further research will be undertaken. Replanting options in the recently cleared hall frontage area are being investigated. A letter was tabled and approved to be sent to hall users regarding lack of communication when they don't have meetings mid winter but fail to alert the hall manager, thus depriving the parish of other booking opportunities.

**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 at the back of church and in the Link for you to record those names. These will be added to names already remembered from the Memorial Book.

**Caversham lectures** The Caversham lectures resume in November on three successive Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the lounge. 12 November, "Altogether, and in tune this time," David Hoskins gives an illuminating insight into the way former musicians of St Peter's have acted as agents of cultural enrichment to the surrounding community. 19 November, "The social impact of South Dunedin's Churches," Associate Professor John Stenhouse of the Otago history department gives an account of the way in which local Churches acted as the matrix of trade unionism, first wave feminism and much else besides, in what was New Zealand's most advanced industrial suburb. 26 November, "In the Still Centre: Poetry as an act of compassion," David Howard, poet, and this year's Burns fellow for literature, reads a selection of his favourite poems and tells us why he likes them, and what to look for in a poem.

**Fellowship group** meets on Tuesday evening beginning at 7.30 pm with a discussion of future directions for the group, followed by a presentation from Dr Alex Chisholm at 8 pm on the nutritional value of nuts.

**Euthanasia** This past week John Key announced that he is in favour of some form of voluntary euthanasia. On the same day David Cunliffe announced that Maryan Street had voluntarily withdrawn her private members bill on this score so as to prevent the issue becoming a politically sensitive election issue next year. However it was made clear by both leaders that it was expected that the matter would become a conscience vote in the next parliamentary term. In the wake of this, and the recent marriage equality bill, it has now become clear that neither of our major political parties, with the exception of their Catholic MP's, are friends of the Church or of the Gospel.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Buxton, Coral Paris and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have died** and those whose memorial occurs at this time especially David Best (priest), Elizabeth Anderson, William Fraser, Shirley Quintrell, Frances Jenson, Mabel Jacobs, and Hope Burnett.

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