



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

24 November 2013

Christ the King

Not Understood

Not understood. We move along asunder,
Our paths grew wider as the seasons creep
Along the years; we marvel and we wonder
Why life is life? And then we fall asleep,
Not understood.

Not understood. How trifles often change us!
The thoughtless sentence or the fancied slight
Destroy long years of friendship and estrange us,
And on our souls there falls a freezing blight;
Not understood.

Not understood. How many breasts are aching
For lack of sympathy! Ah! Day by day,
How many cheerless, lonely hearts are breaking!
How many noble spirits pass away
Not understood!

Oh God!, that men would see a little clearer,
Or judge less harshly where they cannot see;
Oh, God! That men would draw a little nearer
To one another, they'd be nearer Thee,
And understood.

Thomas Bracken – MP for Dunedin 1881-1884

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:

345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice
499 Thy Kingdom come, O God
296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
Communion Motet: *The Call* (from *5 Mystical Songs*) by
Ralph Vaughan Williams. (1872-1958) Soloist:
Arnold Bachop.
456 Teach me my God and King

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Samuel 5: 1-3](#)
[Colossians 1: 12-20](#)
[Luke 23: 35-43](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)
[Romans 13: 11-14](#)
[Matthew 24: 37-44](#)

POSTLUDE: *Chanty* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Parish News

Raffle The raffle for Church funds will be drawn during morning tea following the 10.30 am Service.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group end of year lunch will be on Tuesday at 1 pm at St Barnabas at a cost of

\$12, preceded by a celebration of the Eucharist at 12.30 pm in the Chapel of St Barnabas. You are invited to join us.

Last Caversham lecture for the year On Tuesday, “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. This will be in the lounge at 7.30 pm.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 20 December at 10.30 am in the lounge. All helpers greatly appreciated.

CWS Philippines appeal Christian World Service is requesting donations to assist with relief efforts in the Philippines. Please mail your donations to P O Box 22652 Christchurch

Night Shelter AGM The Dunedin Night Shelter will hold its AGM on Thursday at 7 pm in the Burns hall at First Church. St Peters contributes to the running costs of this important social services organisation.

Vestry news Acting on a recommendation from the stewardship programme assessment meeting it was decided to appoint a financial advisory group to the Vicar and Vestry to assist with budget development and business management of parish financial affairs. The two St Peter the less bequests recently deposited in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund have been renamed the St Peter’s Renovation Fund to make clear its purpose as the funding source for the Church’s eventual earthquake strengthening and roof replacement. This clarity of purpose will act as an encouragement for further bequest gifts to secure the future of the Church.

The origins of the altar and reredos Research has now established that James Dineen, a cabinet maker who worked for Haywards in George Street, made our altar and reredos, but the creator of the pulpit remains a mystery. This research is an important step in obtaining insurance valuations on St Peter’s liturgical furniture

Christmas lunch The Christmas lunch will be on Sunday 8 December in which our normal potluck lunch following the main Service on the second Sunday of the month will have some extra touches to give it a festival flavour.

Which way forward for Maori Anglican Church Tikanga Maori recently concluded a major national gathering in Gisborne to consider its future structure. When the 1992 revised constitution brought Tikanga Maori into existence as a parallel church structure the then Pihopa Hui Vercoe kept a tight rein on the Maori Bishops, recently consecrated to shepherd specific parts of the country, treating them as his suffragans, rather than as territorial Bishops in their own right. Towards the end of his reign tensions developed over this way of doing things, particularly in the far north. His successor Brown Turei has exercised a gentle reign and has allowed the various Amorangi, as the different regions are called, more autonomy. Now the questions becomes should they be fully autonomous, with the Pihopa retained only as a symbolic figurehead. The issue was not fully resolved, and will be pursued by a smaller national gathering in February, which will try to have new proposals for the way ahead to present to the General Synod in May.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm especially Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Roy Harris, Shirley Buxton, and Denise Walker.

Pray for the Departed, those who have died recently, especially Rita Marlow and those whose memorial occurs at this time: Keith Littler, Dulcie Sutherland, Brent Henderson, Vera McLeod, and Dorrie Molloy

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