



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

26 January 2014 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
The Darkness Around Us Is Deep

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:

360 Firmly I believe and truly
200 Jesus calls us! o'er the tumult
483 The Church of God a kingdom is
276 Bread of Heaven
245 God that madest earth and heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Isaiah 9: 1-4](#)
[1 Corinthians 1: 10-13](#)
[Matthew 4: 12-23](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Malachi 3: 1-4](#)
[Hebrews 2: 14-18](#)
[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled "The Pulling Power of his Prestige," and focuses on the call of Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. There was a sense of weight and depth of personality about Jesus that amounted to more than just shallow charisma. His prestige, and crowd piercing, disciple making gaze located those who would become his co-workers. He calls us also to follow him.

Caversham lectures This year's Caversham lectures will run through May and early June on the theme of "Great Anglo-Catholics of the 20th Century." Some histories have concluded that the movement had substantially shot its bolt by the early 1930's, but these presentations will show that in many ways its greatest contributions were yet to come in the following decades in a variety of fields of endeavour. Percy Dearmer had already obtained the services of the composer Vaughan Williams to create the signature tune hymn book of the movement, the English Hymnal, Austin Farrer, Oxford theologian and philosopher would come into his own as a great preacher and teacher from 1945 to 1968, Sir Ninian Comper, architect, would create some of the most of beautiful Churches and Church interiors in the British isles, in 1945 Dom Gregory-Dix would write one of the most popular and influential books that have ever been written on the Liturgy that would change the Church's thinking about worship for decades to come, and Michael Ramsey in the 1960's and early 1970's would become one of the outstanding Archbishop's of Canterbury of the 20th century.

Looking ahead The Parish AGM will be on Sunday 30 March. Easter Sunday falls on 20 April. Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 4 May. Synod will be early this year over the weekend of 12-13 September, and it will be in Oamaru.

The Christian Formation Group As Lent begins in early March the Christian Formation Group will begin its life, meeting on Monday nights with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourning to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory prayer for the parish. Refreshments will follow. If the group takes root its life will continue throughout the year, though not meeting on a weekly basis as in Lent.

Next Sunday we celebrate Candlemas, otherwise known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

New Dean for St Johns The Revd Karen Kemp has been appointed the new Dean of the tikanga Pakeha section of St John's theological College. The child of missionary parents who served in Chile, she and her husband Hugh Kemp have also been missionaries in Chile and Mongolia. She acquired her theological training while involved in leading youth ministry at All Saints Pamerston North, and in recent years she and her husband have been teaching theology in Britain. Karen was ordained a Deacon in Gloucester Cathedral, and has just been priested at Tarore Chapel in the diocese of Wellington. This appointment marks an almost complete change of leadership personnel at St Johns, with the tikanga Maori section of the College appointing the Revd Katene Eruera late last year as its Principal, and the Revd Tony Gerritsen becoming the overall person in charge of the three ethnic streams in the College. If they can co-operate fully, and be effective in their respective areas of responsibility, then an opportunity will emerge to fix our troubled and failing national Theological College, with its lack of community life, inattention to formation in the disciplined search for holiness, low standards of theological literacy, and general lack of intellectual curiosity. The Diocese of Dunedin currently has three ordinands at St Johns.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Helen Dutton, Margaret Peterson, Vera Paris and Norma Rodgers.

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