



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

6 July 2014 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *The Mystery of Election*

The key text in this morning's gospel readings is Matthew 11: 27 "Everything has been given to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, nor does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Donald Hagner writes of this verse "Confronted by resistance and unbelief, Jesus can yet praise the Father, for his will is being worked out both in those who receive and those who reject the gospel. Nothing is ever out of the control of God, who is Lord of heaven and earth. Yet God's sovereignty must not be taken to cancel out the free will and responsibility of those to whom the gospel goes. At bottom it is a question of receptivity. The wise are often tripped up by their very wisdom; contrariwise, it is the childlike, the presumptuousness, and the open-handed who most often wait upon God and his provision...Everything comes down finally to the person of Jesus and the nature of the fulfilment he brings. This Jesus will not be understood if he is restricted to preconceived categories; he will not conform to human conceptual frameworks. He must be understood as God knows him, as the one who on behalf of the Father implements his will, which at the same time can paradoxically be described as the will and work of Jesus. God and his unique agent belong intimately together.

*Donald A Hagner  
Word Biblical Commentary  
Matthew 1-13*

**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 Eucharist.**

### The Liturgy for Today:

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

**10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

### **HYMNS:**

233 Glory to thee, who safe hast kept

341 Blest are the pure in heart

477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

291 Jesus! The very thought is sweet

251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Zechariah 9: 9-10](#)

[Romans 8: 9,11-13](#)

[Matthew 11: 25-30](#)

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

[Romans 8: 18-23](#)

[Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Concerto in G minor BWV 975:*

*Presto*

J.S.Bach (after a Vivaldi concerto)

## Parish News

**Episcopal announcement** Bishop Kelvin told last week's ministry conference that he would be retiring at Easter 2017 when he turns 65. He spoke of health concerns being a large part of his decision, and said that the next three years would give him the time necessary to complete the reorganisation of the diocese so as to assist his successor. His study leave next year would be about equipping him with the skills for a post retirement ministry of spiritual direction and retreat conducting.

**Replacing the flag** Our Anglican Communion flag, recently featured in the Rock, has been badly ripped, and its repairs will not last long. Because it is a one off it is expensive to replace, and Adams Flags have suggested that we get four (fewer are not less expensive) on a more rugged material called poly bunting at a total cost of \$660. Parishioner subscriptions are welcome to supplement the \$200 base funding provided by the Vestry, and can be handed to the Vicar.

**Farewell function for the Hicks** The Hicks family, our guests at last Sunday's parish forum, will be farewelled from Dunedin at a social function at St John's Roslyn on Sunday 20 July which will run from 3 to 5 pm. Offerings of finger food would be welcomed. The Hicks will be returning to America in August before moving to the Solomons on 2015 to begin their 10 year missionary tour of duty.

**New Zealand Church Missionary Society Support group** Gerald and Maureen Harley were until recently missionaries in Cambodia, and having returned to their home in Dunedin, intend to hold monthly support meetings that will provide an opportunity to meet New Zealand missionaries. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 July at 2.30 pm at 1 Rawhiti Street, Musselburgh Rise, with Alan and Christine in attendance who will be speaking about their work in East Asia. The Vicar will be attending, and commends this initiative to parishioners.

**New Bishop for Waiapu** The Venerable Andrew Hedge, Vicar of Cambridge, and Archdeacon of Piako, has been elected as the next Bishop of Waiapu. He was trained at St John's Auckland, served as Curate of All Saints Howick, and was then Chaplain to King's College Auckland for seven years, before becoming Vicar of

Cambridge in 2008. He is President of the national association of RE teachers and School Chaplains, and serves as a part time St John's Ambulance Officer in the community. Andrew is 41 years old.

**Imagine** Amnesty International presents an evening of poetry and music entitled "Imagine." NZ Poet laureate Vincent O' Sullivan will be joined by fellow poets David Howard and Sue Wotton. Musical performances will be provided by cellist Heleen du Plessis, Delgirl, Renaissance and Medieval music group Rare Byrds, Caroline and James Burchell and City Choir Director David Burchell. All Saints Church, Friday 11 July at 7 pm at a cost of \$25 waged, \$20 unwaged.

**The Assumption** Given the parish's custom of Sunday-isng major feasts the feast of the Assumption of our Lady will be celebrated on Sunday 17 August. In order to give due honour to this important celebration the film "England's Nazareth: a pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady of Walsingham," will be shown in the Vicarage that afternoon, with Sung Evensong and Benediction to follow at 5 pm.

**Rock deadline** The deadline for copy for the Rock is Sunday 20 July.

**Wardens meeting** The next monthly meeting of the Vicar and Wardens will take place on Monday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Thursday Eucharist** The 10 am Thursday Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Eileen Pratt and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:**

Beatrice Allen, Arch McQuarrie, Lesley Morris & Darcy Steele.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins – 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson – 455-5384

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