



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

13 July 2014 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *The Call*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

*George Herbert*

### **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:**

440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
472 When all thy mercies, O my God  
339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
151 Now daylight fills the sky  
434 Oft in danger, oft in woe

### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

[Romans 8: 18-23](#)

[Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

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

[Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19](#)

[Romans 8: 26-27](#)

[Matthew 13: 24-43](#)

**Organ postlude:** *Echo Voluntary* William Boyce (1711-1779)

### **Parish News**

**A Pot luck lunch** follows this morning's 10.30 Service, to which all are welcome.

**Today's sermon** is entitled "Horticultural Holiness," and focuses on the parable of the seed that fell on various kinds of ground with varying results. The early Church understood this parable as an explanation of why some people lacked stickability in their Christian walk, though in

fact the major point that is being made here is the immense fruitfulness of the gospel seed that with the slightest encouragement or receptivity produces an outstanding response. For us as hearers of this parable today the issue is am I good soil, am I well tended ground that will allow the gospel seed to have this astounding result in me?

**Episcopal announcement** Bishop Kelvin told the recent 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.

**Replacing the flag** So far \$600 has been received towards replacing our Anglican Communion flag, this bringing us close to our total cost target of \$660 + GST. Parishioner subscriptions can be handed to the Vicar.

**Farewell function for the Hicks** The Hicks family, our guests at the recent 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 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 Clerical Canons of the Cathedral** The Revds Richard Johnson and Hugh Bowron have been appointed to the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, and the Revd Alec Clark has been reappointed to that body. A collation date will be set when the new Lay Canons have been appointed.

**Breaking the seal of the confessional** The General Synod of the Australian Anglican Church has generated controversy with its recent decision to permit priests in certain circumstances to break the seal of the confessional, a move designed presumably to deal with child abusers. But as Bosco Peters points out on his blogsite "Liturgy" the correct priestly response in such a situation is to refuse absolution on the grounds that a perpetrator lacks contrition unless they are prepared to hand themselves over to the police. It has also been pointed out that the problem with Anglicans is that so few take advantage of this wonderful encounter with Christ as forgiver and healer, and that the likelihood of extending the practise of this highly desirable sacrament will be diminished if potential penitents are uncertain how confidential their conversations under the seal of the confessional are.

**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.

**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 Denise Walker and Abbot Michael of Camperdown.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:** Rosanne Curruthers, Joyce Gordon, Ngaere Newall, Len Burt, Margaret Fraser, Beatrice Beattie, Evelyn Ward and Dorothy Dickie.

**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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