



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

17 August 2014

Feast of the Assumption of the BVM

Collect for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven

Gracious God,
you chose the Virgin Mary
to bear your incarnate Word,
and at her life's end
you brought her in body and spirit
to heavenly glory.

Grant that, like Mary,
we may hear your Word and keep it
and one day share with her
the risen life of Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

*Collects in Contemporary English
International Commission on English in the Liturgy*

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:

188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus
102 A brighter dawn is breaking
104 At the Lamb's High Feast we sing
184 Shall we not love thee mother there
112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Revelation 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10](#)

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26](#)

[Luke 1: 39-56](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 22: 19-23](#)

[Romans 11: 33-36](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-20](#)

Parish News

The Assumption Today we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The 10.30 am Sung Mass will begin with a procession around the Church, which you are most welcome to join in. 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 this afternoon at 3.30 pm. This film includes footage of Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury as celebrant and preacher at Walsingham's National Pilgrimage, together with recollections of his first visit to the shrine as a student. Sung Evensong and Benediction will follow the film screening at 5 pm. A light meal of soup and rolls will follow the Service.

Rescheduling the Potluck Lunch We are having our pot luck lunch today after the 10.30 Service because hall booking

commitments last weekend prevented us having it in its normal second Sunday slot. Please join us for lunch.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens meeting has been rescheduled to Monday 18 August. Please mention to Kate or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for this month's edition of the Rock is Sunday 24 August. The August edition will include the recently deceased Adam Coxon's recollections of his younger days at St Peters, and a book review of a recently published biography of Justin Welby, the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

Public medicines clinic The University of Otago School of Pharmacy is offering a Public Medicine's Clinic to discuss people's medications. This will be in St Peter's Hall on Friday 22 August from 1 to 4 pm.

House group news The newly established Frances Hodgkin's house group will meet next on Monday 1 September at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge. The house group recently established thanks to the initiative of Nigel Westbrook will meet in the Vicarage on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm.

Spring Flower Festival St Peters will be hosting a Spring Flower Festival over the weekend of 20-21 September. There will be displays of vestments and liturgical items for public inspection in the Church on the Saturday of that weekend. There will also be a concert that weekend.

Gaza emergency appeal CWS is appealing for donations to enable their development partner Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees to provide \$100 emergency grants to families in need of food, water, fuel or other help. They will fund the extension of the psychosocial programmes for children and mothers and four vocational training centres helping young people gain practical skills. The appeal will also fund three maternal health clinics providing medical services mostly to mothers and young children. Donations to the Gaza Appeal can be made: on line at www.cws.org.nz/donate, sent to P O Box 22652, Christchurch 8140 or by calling 0800 74 73 72.

Please pray for Aspen Ludlow, to be baptised at our 10.30 am Service on Sunday 31 August.

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: Mollie Scrivener, Esther Chetwin.

Anglican Taonga is the name of the national Anglican internal news magazine. It is edited by the wife of the Vicar of All Saints Dunedin, assisted by Lloyd Ashton, a full time journalist in the North Island. It exists in two formats – a web site which is continually updated with developing news- and when sufficient New Zealand stories have come to hand, it is published as an attractive colour magazine, which is then distributed to parishes in limited numbers. On the plus side Taonga selects many interesting international news stories to post on the web site from a variety of quality newspapers, together with the Church of England's *Church Times*, and the Anglican Communion's regular email news service. It also covers pretty much all the major events in the life of our national Church, such as General Synod, ordinations of new Bishops, and changes at the national theological college, St John's Auckland. The magazine edition is also attractively laid out with quality photographs. But it is a biased publication, leaning very much to the liberal progressive point of view of its production staff, with little attempt at objectivity. On message commentators, such as Giles Fraser and John Bluck, get lots of space, with inconvenient traditionalist voices omitted. The unspoken assumptions of the magazine are that Anglicanism began when Samuel Marsden arrived in the Bay of Islands in 1814, that the division of our church into three ethnic silos is a thoroughly good thing, and that it is time we got with the programme and followed secular New Zealand in endorsing gay marriage. Taonga is also relentlessly focussed on good news stories, so that bad news stories, such as the recent en masse departure of the parish of Hamilton West, tend not to be mentioned, unless they have become impossible to be ignored, such as the damning report that General Synod received not so long ago about St Johns Auckland. Of course an official publication funded by the General Synod will want to accentuate the positive, but at times the magazine's editorial line tends towards propaganda rather than informing and educating. There is also little in the way of in depth investigation of what is really going on in the Province underneath the surface of things. So Taonga, particularly in the web site format, can be read with interest, but should be taken with a pinch of salt. This writer sometimes wonders if he belongs to, or would wish to join, the Church described in our glossy magazine.

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