



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

24 August 2014

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prayer at Election Time

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society.

Give us wisdom to play our part at election time, that, through the exercise of each vote, your Kingdom may come closer.

Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopia's and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

337 As pants the heart for cooling streams

346 City of God, how broad and far

302 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

275 Blessed Jesu

244 Glory to thee, my God, this night

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 22: 19-23](#)

[Romans 11: 33-36](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Jeremiah 20: 7-9](#)

[Romans 12: 1-2](#)

[Matthew 16: 21-27](#)

Parish News

Rock deadline The deadline for copy for this month's edition of the Rock is today. The August edition will include the first edition of 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.

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 decided at its second meeting last week to become a lay lead study and discussion group meeting during the spring, summer, early autumn day light saving months.

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 that weekend.

Vestry news It was decided to reduce insurance cover on the Vicarage since the present valuation of \$680,000 is considerably in excess of any replacement dwelling that would be rebuilt on site. The diocese is requiring all parishes to fill out property questionnaires on all properties they own. In considering questions relating to the future of our properties the Vestry opted for answers that indicate a robust future for this faith community, with a continued presence on the present site. It was decided to replace the Church sound system later in the year because the government is taking over our present frequency waves in March of next year in order to use them for the new 4 G cell phones that will soon become available. It was suggested that the cost of the system, around \$1,500, might be met by parishioner subscription. It was reported that the upgrading of the Church security system had been completed, with the addition of a smoke sensor in the Sanctuary, and a movement sensor in the Sacristy.

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.

Christchurch Cathedral developments The group fighting to save the Gothic Cathedral have launched a six week publicity campaign

to persuade the public to come on side with their restoration agenda. They are above all keen to overturn the perception that the Cathedral has been damaged and then weather degraded beyond repair. They are also seeking to overturn the costings argument that going back to the original would be the most expensive option. The Church Property Trustees have won in the courts against the preservationists appeals to stop demolition, but must now convince the Historic Places Trust to come on side with a demolition order. This HPT have indicated they will not do, influenced no doubt by the opposition this might well engender amongst many of their support base. Meanwhile as the argument drags on weather deterioration and pigeon infestation continue their degradation work. The public library plans to build a new and more adequate library in the Square, and as this and other rebuilding projects get under way there may well be a groundswell of opinion that the centre of the city cannot continue to be a ruin.

Brass Cleaning Thursday September 18, 11 am in the Parish Lounge. Everyone is most welcome to join in. The chocolates are first-rate!

Please pray for Aspen Ludlow, to be baptised at our 10.30 am Service next Sunday and for Dale Roberts and Maureen Sialanieta to be married at St Peters on 12 December, and for Russell Depree and Rebecca Meek to be married here on 14 February 2015.

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: Annie Mitchell, Ted Hawkhead, Winnie Dunlop, Robert Jacobs, Olive Hammond-Tooke and Maurice Chetwin.

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