

### St. Peter's Caversham

# The Pebble

31 August 2014

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Baptism Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon your servant
the forgiveness of sin,
and raised him to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

American Episcopal Prayer Book

#### 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 and Baptism

#### **HYMNS:**

464 Thou art the Way: by thee alone

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

<u>Jeremiah 20: 7-9</u> Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

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

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

### **Parish News**

**Baptism** This morning we welcome Aspen Ludlow, his parents Michelle and Tony, and his Godparents Jason and Rebecca, as Aspen comes to be baptised at our 10.30 am Service. The Service will begin with the baptismal liturgy. Please feel free to gather around the Font with the baptismal party. At the conclusion of the baptismal liturgy the Sacred Ministers will process to the altar to pray the collect. We will then sit for the readings. Thus the usual entry hymn will be omitted.

**Rock** The August edition of the Rock can be collected from the back of the Church or the Link.

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.

<u>Frances Hodgkin's Service</u> The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkin's on Thursday at 11 am.

<u>Wardens meeting</u> The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Tuesday 9 September. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**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.

<u>Collation of Cathedral Canons</u> The new Cathedral Canons will be collated onto the Cathedral Chapter at the opening Synod Service at St Luke's Oamaru on Friday evening 12 September.

<u>Brass Cleaning</u> By popular request the date of the brass cleaning has been changed to Friday 12 September at 1 pm in the Parish Lounge. Everyone is most welcome to join in. The chocolates are first-rate!

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u> is celebrated on Thursday at 10 am in the Parish Lounge.

<u>Order of St Luke</u> The Order of St Luke is an ecumenical healing fellowship that meets at the Anglican Church in Green Island every third Thursday of the month to offer a time of prayer for healing between 1.30 and 2 pm, under the direction of the Revd Bill Sim, a retired Anglican priest. All are welcome to avail themselves of this ministry.

<u>Meet the candidates meeting</u> There will be an opportunity to hear and question the candidates standing in Dunedin South at the general election on Wednesday 3 September at 7pm in Sidey Hall Caversham, next to the Presbyterian Church. Gold coin donation requested to cover expenses.

<u>Please pray</u> 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.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, and Denise Walker.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:</u> Dorothy White, Alfred Allen, Jessie Coxon, John Larkins

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