



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

5 October 2014

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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:

473 When morning gilds the skies

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

484 The church's one foundation

306 Strengthen for service

383 Jesu, lover of my soul

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 5: 1-7](#)

[Philippians 3: 4b-14](#)

[Matthew 21: 33-46](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 25: 1-9](#)

[Philippians 4: 1-9](#)

[Matthew 22: 1-14.](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Vesper Voluntary No 5* Edward Elgar.

Parish News

Helping with the new sound system We will need to replace our wireless microphones later this year because the government will be taking over our former airwaves in order to make the new 4G cell phones possible. The cost will be at least \$1,500. Already we have received a parishioner

donation of \$200 towards this. Can you help with his? Donations can be handed to the Vicar.

Seeing more of Fr Roger The Vicar is presently on leave in the UK. Thus Fr Roger will be the celebrant and preacher in late September, and throughout October.

Remembrance A Sunday afternoon concert in St Peter's is planned for November. It will feature songs and music of the World War One era to commemorate the war centenary. More details to follow.

Monday Club meets in the Parish Hall from 10 am. Everyone is very welcome.

Thursday Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am, with Fr Wiremu Quedley as celebrant.

Meditation group Each Thursday after our 10 am Eucharist a small group meet to spend time in silent prayer waiting on God, using the Mass readings for the following Sunday as the basis of their meditation. They would welcome anyone who would like to come along. For further details contact Rosemary Brown at 489 6386.

The Rock The new edition of the Rock is available online on the parish website and copies are available in the Link and at the back of church.

Work on the Cottage The bathroom of the Cottage is receiving some [much needed] attention at present.

Organ music during October. The organ postludes after the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist will feature the Vesper Voluntaries of Sir Edward Elgar. See the Rock article.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, George and Nonie Connor and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Alan Cottle, Elizabeth and James Blackledge, Andrew Stier, Janey Ross, Helen Elliot, William Lanham, David Steele, Stanley Wright, Elvira Steele, and Nyra Phillips

Christians in Baghdad are still being baptised despite the threat of execution by the radical Islamist group Islamic State* (IS) which is currently fighting to get to the Iraqi capital. The Anglican priest who has served the beleaguered city for more than a decade, Canon Andrew White, today told ACNS he thought the threat posed by IS was actually one reason the believers wanted to be undergo baptism. "People really wanted to demonstrate their faith and that's good," he said. Publicly identifying oneself as a Christian is a particularly courageous move in a country where IS has been intentionally targeting religious minorities. In towns they have captured IS fighters daub the Arabic letter 'N' (for Nazarene) on the homes of Christians. The occupants are offered the choice of leaving, paying a massive tax, converting to Islam or being murdered. The mother and four young children who were baptised today had been brought up Christian, but from a mixed Christian/Muslim background. The man nicknamed the Vicar of Baghdad rejoiced in the chance to carry on his priestly ministry in Iraq: "It was lovely baptising them and the children were so excited. One little boy came up to me and said, 'I feel like a new person now' and I told him, 'You are'." "In the midst of such a desperate situation it was wonderful to have something which was so nice." Canon White explained that his church, St George's, once had a congregation of around 1,000. "On Sunday we only had 160. That's because so many of our people have gone up north.

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