

# St. Peter's Caversham The Pebble

November 16, 2014

Feast of the Dedication

## On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

O Almighty God,

to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:

We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place;

and we pray that all who seek thee may find thee,

and be filled with thy joy and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

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

#### HYMNS:

- 471 We love the place O God
- 416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
- 483 The Church of God a kingdom is
- 198 The Church triumphant in your love (T. 415/2 'Arden')
- 346 City of God, how broad and far

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

<u>Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12</u> <u>1 Corinthians 3: 9b-11, 16-17</u> John 2: 13-22

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

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46

### Parish News

**Dedication Festival** The Solemn Eucharist begins with a procession around the church to celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of St John Lateran, the first

Christian church in Rome, upon which date we recall the anniversary of the dedication of this Church. Please join in if you are able. By this time next year we will have celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Peters.

**Episcopal visit at Easter** Bishop Kelvin will co-preside at our Easter Vigil Service on Holy Saturday night next year (4 April 8 pm) at which an adult candidate will be Confirmed.

**<u>Rock deadline</u>** The deadline for copy for this month's edition of the Rock is Sunday 23 November.

**Update on fund raising for the new sound system** We are now well over half way in raising the cash necessary to update our sound system. Grateful thanks for all the donations received so far. Strong support for Arnold's concert (see details below) may well carry us over the line.

## Remembrance

A concert in St Peter's next Sunday, November 23 at 2pm will feature European Leider and Aria's with songs and music associated with the World War One era to mark the centenary of the war. Arnold Bachop, famed brass virtuoso John Lewis and many wellknown Dunedin singers and musicians will be taking part. \$10 at the door. **Not to be missed.**  <u>**Pray for the Sick and Infirm**</u> 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** Donald Praill, Ruby Trim and Colin Trim.

<u>**Thursday Eucharist</u>** The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am.</u>

<u>Meditation group</u> Each Thursday after the 10 am Holy 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. All welcome.

With the Kurds Parishioners may recall Dr Bill Harris of Otago University who gave one of last year's Caversham lectures, on the fate and situation of Christian minorities in the Middle East. The Vicar contacted him earlier this week to arrange a lunch time meeting, only to find that Bill is currently with the Kurds in Erbil, and was about to set out that day with a Kurdish General to inspect the Mosul dam. The dam is on the front line with ISIL forces. This kind of calm interest in the turmoil's of the Middle East is of a piece with Dr Harris' younger days when he lived in and through the Lebanese Civil War, and found if more a source of fascination than fear. He has interviewed most of the Lebanese warlords. Perhaps we should invite him back next year for his take on the current crisis in Iraq and Syria.

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