



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

November 23, 2014

Christ the King

Almighty God,
you have conferred upon Jesus Christ
sovereignty over every age and nation.

Direct us, in the love of Christ,
to care for the least of his brothers and sisters,
and receive the inheritance of your kingdom.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus 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:

345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice
500 Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
213 The eternal gifts of Christ the King
456 Teach me my God and King

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28](#)

[Matthew 25: 31-46](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 1: 3-9](#)

[Mark 13: 33-37](#)

Parish News

Concert this afternoon The Remembrance Concert will take place in the Church at 2 pm this afternoon. See link poster for details. By supporting this concert you help us fund the upgrade to our sound system.

The judgement of outsiders In the preceding section of today's gospel reading Matthew has focussed on the judgement criteria

God will apply to believers at the last judgement. Today's gospel focuses on the judgement criteria that will apply to those outside the household of faith. As we shall hear in the sermon this is not as straightforward a matter as it at first appears. In a world in which many, including often our nearest and dearest, do not acknowledge Christ this is an issue of more than passing interest.

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 Christine Reese will be Confirmed.

Financial facts pamphlet Next week parishioners on the parish roll will receive an information pamphlet outlining how we are doing relative to the budget for the year ahead that was given out at our AGM. With two months to run in the 2014 budget this will be both a report back aiming to inform, and also a request for assisting action where necessary. St Peters is committed to an annual placing before its membership of the importance of stewardship in our Christian walk.

Next Frances Hodgkin's housegroup The final meeting for the year of the Frances Hodgkin's housegroup will be on Monday 8 December at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Thursday Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am.

Cuts in theological education The government has cut funding for theological education at Laidlaw College Auckland and at Auckland University, thus bringing about the closure of the Auckland University Theology department, and the redundancy of the Laidlaw theology teaching faculty. The Minister for Tertiary Education has commented that, "we are not in the business of training Sunday School Teachers." While Laidlaw has many students these will now be trainee counsellors and teachers, with the fine systematic theology and biblical studies department a thing of the past. Now the Otago University Theology department is the last man standing in this crucial area of theological endeavour within the university system. It is also a concerning sign of the further attrition of the humanities in our universities in favour of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

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 Keith Littler, Dulcie Sutherland, Brent Henderson, Vera McLeod and Dorrie Molloy.

Ordinations This afternoon at 4 pm in the Cathedral Peter Ross and Rose Scott will be ordained Deacons, and James McGrath will be ordained a priest.

Justin Welby's radical new community The Archbishop of Canterbury is establishing a radical new community at Lambeth Palace of young Christians aged 20 to 35. Called the St Anselm Community, its life will be distinguished by learning, prayer, love for one another, and love for the poor, so the community members can become more like Jesus. There will be a particular emphasis on providing opportunities within this community's life to meet and mix with people with different expressions of faith and different kinds of life, which is part of Justin Welby's reconciling vision for the Anglican Communion. Its leader, or Prior as he will be called, is the Revd Anders Litzell, a Swede who grew up in a Pentecostal tradition, worked for the Lutheran Church, and was then ordained an Anglican priest, and who is married to a South African, in a way, a paradigm life of the kind of embracing of difference that Justin Welby is keen on.

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