



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

8 February, 2015

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Miracles

I need to witness miracles today -
a river turned to blood,
water become wine,
a burning coal touching the prophet's lips,
black ravens swooping down
to bring a starving man bread and meat,
a poor fisherman raising the dead!
I've heard theologians say
this is not the age of miracles,
but still, I'm easy to impress.
I don't need to climb out of the boat
and walk on water; I'd just like
to put my head on the pillow
while the storm still rages, and rest.

*Richard Jones
(b. 1953)*

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:

149 Father, we praise thee

369 Happy are they (T.346)

495 God is working his purpose out

313 Wherefore, O Father

235 Forth in thy name, O Lord I go

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Job 7: 1-4, 6-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23](#)

[Mark 1: 29-39](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46](#)

[1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1](#)

[Mark 1: 40-45](#)

Parish News

This morning's sermon is entitled "The God who makes things happen." It reflects on the healing miracles and exorcisms of Jesus as acts of power that mirror the dynamic ministry of Jesus in Mark's gospel. It also offers a definition of health as, "length of days, soundness of body, joy of heart and radiance of spirit."

Potluck lunch resumes This Sunday sees the resumption of

our second Sunday in the month potluck lunch, which takes place after the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Next Wardens meeting The first Wardens meeting for the year will be on Tuesday. Please mention to Tubby or Kate any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Thanks for the memory David Scoular and the Vicar have resumed filming interviews with parishioners, with four concluded in the past week, as part of compiling an interview archive to resource a future professionally written parish history. It is essential that we retain these personal recollections of the past of St Peers while parishioners are still with us, and their memories fresh. It is hoped to conclude this interview process by the end of the year. Such a “view from below” has become an important tool of historical research, in which documents are no longer the sole source of recalling the past. These interviews will also be used to compile an edited relatively brief film to be shown over the weekend of the 150th anniversary celebrations to be called, “Thanks for the Memory.” This interview compilation process dovetails with David Hoskins investigations of past organists and choir directors as agents of cultural enrichment in the surrounding community, and Alex Chisholm's research into the nutritional history of the parish, charting the way in which cooking styles and eating patterns evolved in this ecclesial slice of South Dunedin life over the past 150 years.

Please pray for Russell Depree and Rebecca Meek who are to be married at St Peters on Saturday.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Peta Devine. Charlotte Halliburton, Robina Wadham, Leonard Base, Frederick Garrod, Roy Tokana, Margaret Carruthers, Ellen Allen and Rita Stedman.

Rock deadline David Scoular would be most grateful if copy for the first edition of the Rock for the year could reach him by 22 February.

Rates The Christchurch Press had an ominous article this last last week about Local Government New Zealand proposing to central government that churches and charities lose their rates exemption, thus raising approximately another \$180 million a year. Councils across New Zealand find themselves in a funding dilemma as they are under pressure both from ratepayers and central government to keep rates down, while at the same time needing to replace ageing infrastructure. Like Henry VIII their eyes turn avariciously to the churches, for which they see “no rational reason why they should be exempt.” For a number of financially struggling Dunedin diocese parishes, particularly multi centre ones, this could push them over the edge.

Frances Hodgkins in February The Frances Hodgkins housegroup will meet next on Monday 16 February in the Garden Lounge at 2 pm.

New Shrubs for the Eastbourne St garden Several parishioner donations have been gratefully received towards the cost of providing new shrubs and bark for the Eastbourne St garden. Further donations towards the \$500 cost of this project would be welcomed.

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