



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

28 JUNE, 2015

ST PETER THE APOSTLE, PATRONAL FESTIVAL

*ISTE CONFESSOR*

He who to Jesus manfully bore witness,  
He whom God's people join today to honour,  
Now in the hidden mansions of the blessed  
Bideth for ever.

With store of virtues God adorned his spirit,  
Guiding his willing feet in paths of goodness,  
Through all the earthly years while in his body  
Mortal breath tarried.

Wherefore with happy voices linked in happy chorus  
Hymn we his praises on this holy feast day,  
Praying for grace to follow in his footsteps  
Now and hereafter.

Glory and honour, power and salvation  
Be unto him, who throned in the highest,  
Ordereth meetly earth and sky and ocean,  
Triune, eternal.

*Based on a 9<sup>th</sup> century Latin text*

### A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. 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:

See hymn sheet in Service booklet

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 12: 1-11](#)

[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 2: 2-5](#)

[2 Corinthians 12: 7-10](#)

[Mark 6: 1-6](#)

### Parish News

**Welcome** to our much anticipated guests the Christchurch Cathedral Choir, their music director John Linker, organist Nicholas Sutcliffe, Cathedral administrative staff Chris Oldham and Nicky Lee, and choir parents. Welcome too to Fr Aaron Douglas our guest preacher, assistant priest at All Saints, Gladstone, and travelling secretary for Scripture Union for Otago and Southland. A shared lunch follows the 10.30 Service so we can get to know our guests.

**David's organ recital** David Hoskins will present an organ recital at First Church on Friday at 12.10 pm. He was influential in assisting First Church to select an organ similar in type to our own, and so now has an opportunity to demonstrate its spectacular musical potential.

**St Peters to host Synod Sunday Service** The Bishop has requested that St Peters host the Synod Sunday Service on Sunday 20 September at 8 am. This will be our main Service of the day in the style of the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist, with the Vicar being the preacher. He will also be the chaplain to the Synod. The parish will then host the Synod breakfast. Please make contact with Alex Chisholm or Heather Brooks if you can help with the breakfast.

**Evensong and Benediction** Next Sunday at 5 pm, followed by a social gathering in the lounge afterwards.

**Frances Hodgkins Service** The monthly Frances Hodgkins celebration of the Eucharist will be on Thursday at 11 am.

**Bishops fundraiser for Vanuatu** Cyclone Pam prevented Bishop Kelvin visiting our companion diocese of Banks and Torres (Vanuatu), the poorest diocese in Melanesia. He is promoting a fundraiser on their behalf on Wednesday, which is the film "Still Life" at the Rialto at 7.45 pm, with a suggested donation of \$18. A talk by Pauline McKay, National Director of CWS precedes this in the cathedral at 7 pm. Further details on the Link noticeboard.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary registration** It is important that parishioners register for the parish 150th anniversary celebrations over the weekend of 26-27 September, in addition to the former parishioners from out of town. You can do this by filling in a registration form which is available at the back of the Church and putting it in the box by the forms, or by emailing [150<sup>th</sup>@stpeterscaversham.org.nz](mailto:150th@stpeterscaversham.org.nz).

**Rock** This month's edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

**News update** The diocese would like the majority of parishioners to receive its weekly e-newsletter. It is a cheap and effective way to keep up to date with what is happening around the diocese. You can sign up at [www.calledsouth.org.nz/email-newsletter](http://www.calledsouth.org.nz/email-newsletter)

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Sterling, Helen Clements, Anita Stevens, Mahlia Napier, George, Nonie and Rachel Connor, and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:** John Watson and Doris Littler.

**TEC General Convention** The Episcopal Church is holding its General Convention in Salt Lake City from 25 June to 3 July. It will hold an election to choose its new Presiding Bishop to replace Katharine Jefferts Schori. This time all four candidates are male. It will revise its marriage canon to permit same sex blessings and gay marriage. It will authorise new liturgical forms to accommodate this new reality. It must strike a budget to reflect the reality of its much diminished numbers. TEC claims to have left behind a long period of squabbling over same sex marriage and the full inclusion of LGBT people in its life, and to be now in a position to concentrate on mission. However this has been at the cost of many of its members departing, or in the case of the diocese of South Carolina, being expelled. Traditionally TEC's polity was of a somewhat loose national association, with parishes and dioceses being the focus of its life. However, the retiring Presiding Bishop exalted her office and the powers of the national executive to deal firmly with objectors to the progressive drift of TEC, and to fight numerous legal battles to retain the properties of departing parishes and dioceses. This has been victory of a somewhat pyrrhic nature, with a question mark over TEC's ability to rebuild from the ashes. The departing traditionalists tended to have the largest congregations and budgets. TEC is also on the road to becoming a different kind of church with a stronger view of central authority, and with a different view of what it is to be human, given its revision of its attitudes to human sexuality. One thing it does have playing to its advantage. Justin Welby's indefinite postponement of the next Lambeth Conference, and his policy of playing for time on human sexuality issues within the Anglican Communion, means TEC is unlikely to face strong head winds from the instruments of Communion in the next little while. But procrastination and delay will not make the issues of unity and authority within the Anglican Communion go away, and when they resurface again it will be with renewed roiling energy.

### **Parish Contacts.**

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