



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

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THE CHURCH AS A UNIFYING COMMUNITY

The Church is where men and women experience a sense of being at home, of belonging, not only to one another in a unified humanity as fellow citizens, but also to God himself as part of his household or family. This new society is also a building, a temple, where humans are the building material which God the builder has already made into his dwelling place...The Church is already the temple in which God dwells. Yet, it is at the same time a building under construction, where through their relationship to Christ and to one another, believers are still being shaped into a fit sanctuary for God. It is to be characterised by growth and holiness as it becomes what it already is...The readers of this Epistle are to see themselves as the building material God has chosen to utilise for his temple of the end-time pervaded by the Spirit, and thereby to gain a greater sense of their identity as those with a privileged role to play in the working out of God's purposes in the world.

*Andrew Lincoln
Ephesians,
The Word Biblical Commentary*

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:

467 Through all the changing scenes of life

346 City of God, how broad how far

52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

285 For the beauty of the earth

416 O God of Bethel by whose hand

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jeremiah 23: 1-6](#)

[Ephesians 2: 13-18](#)

[Mark 6: 30-34](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Kings 4: 42-44](#)

[Ephesians 4: 1-6](#)

[John 6: 1-15](#)

Parish News

St Peters to host Synod Sunday Service St Peters will 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. The parish will then host the Synod breakfast. Please make contact with Alex Chisholm, Heather Brooks or Ronda Tatnell if you can help with the breakfast. The Sunday session of Synod will now meet in the St Peters hall.

St Peters Festival of Flowers St Peters will be hosting a Festival of Flowers over the weekend of 17-18 October based around the theme of St Peter the fisherman. Parishioners may recall the very

successful similar event which came to us for the first time last year. This event will be provided by the Dunedin Floral Art Society, of which our Faye-Noel Brown is the President.

Vestry news The Vestry noted the extremely brief and relatively uninformative statement the director of the Anglican Family Centre had made on the Diocesan News Update about the resolution of its industrial dispute with its PSA workers. It was resolved that the Vicar would raise the matter at Synod. There was a discussion of arrangements for advertising the organ recital on the anniversary weekend so as to attract members of the Dunedin music appreciation public. Door sale tickets will be \$10. Practical arrangements for hosting the second day of Synod in the St Peters hall were made. It was noted that planning was under way for an Advent evening Service based around the John Donne *La Corona* sequence of poems. Vestry members were reminded the 9 Lessons and Carols Service this year will be at the new time slot of 10.30 am on Advent 4, the Service to include Holy Communion.

150th Anniversary registration We are receiving an encouraging number of parishioner registrations. Please remember to get your registration fee to us by 1 September in order to receive the early bird discount.

Worth a Look Anglican down under is a blog site run by the Revd Peter Carrell, Director of Theology House in the Diocese of Christchurch. Its chief strength is that it brings together postings from blog sites from around the Anglican Communion on current hot topics. It is a good go to place for the continuing, some would say never ending, developments in the same sex blessing saga. Peter comes from a liberal evangelical perspective and is eirenic and moderate in what he writes. He is also very interested in the latest church gossip, and one sometimes discovers things going on behind the scenes one had not known.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stevens, Mahlia Napier, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Dorothy Dickie, Arthur Hughes, Irene Wright, Martha Allen, Marie Brown and Alice Hopkins.

Christians in Caversham “The Star” community newspaper recently had a fascinating article on religious commitment in Dunedin based on figures lifted from the 2013 census. Not only did it list the total number of people defining themselves by denominational and religious belonging, but also helpfully defined their major concentration points by suburb. The Baptist church is strongest in Caversham with 93 adherents out of a city wide membership of 1,428. So too is the Methodist church with 84 people here out of a city wide total of 1,590. This is odd given that they have recently closed their only place of worship here, and have few worship centres in Dunedin. Christians who are what the census describes as “not further defined” are strong in this suburb with 171 people defining themselves thus out of a total of 4,578. The Spiritualist Church does well in Caversham with 39 members out of a total of 651. Mormons have more members here than anywhere else with 33 folk out of a total of 294. Not surprisingly Presbyterians are the largest denominational group with 17,455 adherents, though who would have picked Mosgiel East as their major concentration point with 1,011 there. Catholics are the runners up with a total membership of 12,867, most strongly concentrated in the University of Otago with 608. This will be a reflection of the strength of the Holy Name parish, which as the largest student church attendance of any church, outstripping even the Pentecostals. It was surprising to learn that there are only 1,236 of them, with their major concentration point being Brockville with 66 people in that suburb. Anglicans are at their strongest in St Clair with 354 people there, out of a total number of 8,496. There is some comfort for St Peters in this as St Clair is included in our parish boundaries.

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