



St. Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

30 AUGUST, 2015

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

**SONG TO THE LORD GOD**

Lord God, you are above and beyond all things,  
Your nature is to love,  
You put us in the furnace of the world  
To learn to love you and love one another.

Father, we sing to you in the furnace  
Like the three Jewish children.  
The hope and the doom of the love of friends  
Is eating up the marrow of our bones.

Lord Christ, you are the house in whom we live,  
The house in which we share the cup of peace,  
The house of your body that was broken on the cross,  
The house you have built for us beyond the stars.

Lord, Holy Spirit, beyond, within, above,  
Beneath all things, you give us life.  
Blaze in our hearts, you who are Love himself,  
Till we shine like the noonday sun.

Lord God, we are the little children,  
The feeble ones of the world.  
Carry us for ever in your breast, Lord God,  
Give us the power by love to be your holy ones.

*James K. Baxter  
New Zealand Prayer Book 1989, page 160*

**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:**

149 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

469 To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love

471 We love the place, O God

275 Blessed Jesu, Mary's son

391 King of glory, King of peace

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8](#)

[James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

[Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

[Isaiah 35: 4-7](#)

[James 2: 1-5](#)

[Mark 7: 31-37](#)

**Parish News**

**Today's sermon** is entitled "Fights about Food," and focuses on the puzzling words of Jesus about meal customs in today's gospel.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary registration** A list of those who have registered for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations can be found on the table in the Lounge. Please check it to see if you are on the list.

**10.30 roster** The new 10.30 am roster running from September this year to March next year has been issued, and is now being distributed.

**Vestry news** Approval was given to tune the hall piano and to purchase new glassware for the kitchen. Alex Chisholm's excellent organisational arrangements for the Synod breakfast were noted

with warm approval. Detailed planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations continued. Gillions have given approval for the use of their mounted flat screen TV's for purposes of showing the "Thanks for the Memory" film, and for showing photos for the "Colourful Past Vicars of St Peters" talk.

**Frances Hodgkins** The Vicar will celebrate the monthly Anglican Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet in the Garden Lounge on Monday 7 September at 2 pm.

**Rock** Copies of this month's edition of the Rock can be uplifted from the back of the Church or the Link.

**A message from the Connor family** Dear friends in Otago and Southland. We have been so grateful for all your prayers over the last few months. During the worst weeks when Rachel was so critically ill, and we seemed to live at the hospital, the amazing wave of love and concern helped us to keep going. We can never repay such support and although you are too many to thank individually, we do want you to know how much it meant to us all. Now that's all behind us and Rachel is doing wonderfully well, and although she still has a long way to go, is enjoying Waiheke's beaches and taking up new hobbies. She will stay here for another six months or so, until completely recuperated and the return to Mosgiel and academic life. Nonie, too, is glad to be over all her cancer treatment, looking forward to picking up all the interests that have taken a back seat for the past year, and George is now at last able to relax. We still keep an eye on the southern weather and wish we could send you some of our increasing warmth. Even better would be if you could come up and visit us and experience it for yourselves. We would love to see you. With our love, Nonie, George, Rachel and all the extended family.

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

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Sterling, Lester Hopkins Anita Stephens, Mahlia Napier, Edric Baker and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Dorothy White, Alfred Allen, Jessie Coxon, John Larkins, Robert Gardner and Louie Garrod.

**Cathedrals in England welcome over 10 million annually** The Anglican Communion news service reports that in 2014 the average number of adults and children attending Cathedral Services in Britain each week was 36,000. This has increased by more than a fifth in the last decade. The three regions showing strongest growth are Yorkshire and the Humber, London and the South East. Key aspects of growth that have been identified are creating a sense of community, quality of worship, service, preaching and music, exploring new patterns of service, spiritual openness and emphasis on families and young people. The number of young people attending educational events at Cathedrals increased by nearly 14% between 2004 and 2014. At the centre of cathedral life is the daily offering of worship and praise. 4,000 child and adult choristers were involved in providing traditional choral music in 2014, half as volunteers. Indeed over the past ten years the number of volunteers supporting the mission and ministry of cathedrals has risen to 15,200. Newcastle cathedral has introduced the street pastors scheme in the cathedral and outside to care for the vulnerable members of the night time economy and people who need pastoral care. The cathedral has introduced a night church model and from time to time is open on Friday nights to enable people to come and find stillness, peace and spiritual exploration in an informal context. Two to three hundred people have been attending a late night compline service.

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