



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

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

ALL SOULS

O Eternal Lord God,  
who holdest all souls in life:  
we beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole church  
in paradise and on earth  
the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort;  
and grant that we,  
following the good example of those  
who have loved thee here, and are now at rest,  
may at the last enter with them into the fullness of thine  
unending joy;  
through Jesus Christ our lord.

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)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

**HYMNS:**

102 A brighter day is dawning

231 Who are these, like stars appearing

104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

208 In our day of thanksgiving

112 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Isaiah 25: 6-9](#)

Psalm 23

The response to the Psalm is:

**Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me.**

[1 Corinthians 15: 12-26](#)

[John 1: 1-5, 9-14](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

[Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

[1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17](#)

[John 2: 13-22](#)

**Parish News**

**All Souls** We celebrate All Souls today. The names of the dear departed who are linked to members of our congregations will be read out during the time of intercessory prayer at the 10.30 am Service.

**Evensong and Benediction** Evensong and Benediction Service this evening at 5pm. A social gathering occurs in the lounge afterwards.

**The first of the Caversham lectures** takes place on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the lounge. John Stenhouse from the Otago history department will speak on "God, the devil, and the demon drink." The prohibition movement was one of the most powerful social change movements initiated by New Zealand's churches, assisted by and working in concert with suffragettes and first wave feminists. But in Dunedin this pattern was complicated by the reality that Anglicans by and large opposed prohibition, while the Presbyterian Church vigorously backed it. John Stenhouse's last lecture here was entertaining and well attended, and this one promises to be just as rewarding.

**Frances Hodgkins** The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. The next meeting of the Frances Hodgkins house group will be on Monday 9 November at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

**50 Years of the Anglican Church - St Clair Dunedin** Does anyone have a spare copy of this history of St Peter the Less written by Anne Turvey in 1978? The John Kinder library in Auckland, the largest Anglican library in New Zealand, wants to add this publication to its list of parish histories. Please let the Vicar know if you can help in this way.

**A tale of two flags** As parishioners will have noticed in an ODT article last Monday St Peters has now had two of its Anglican Communion flags stolen in rapid succession. For now we will just put the flag of St George up on Sundays alone.

**Raffle** Raffle tickets are on sale after the 8am and 10.30 am Services as a fund raiser for St Peters.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Bruce Moore, and Denise Walker.

**Rock** The new Rock edition is available at the back of the Church and in the Link

**Thanks for the Memories** DVD copies of the documentary presentation of filmed interviews of parishioners are available at \$15 at the back of church or from David Scoular.

**Thursday Eucharist** is celebrated at 10 am in the Lady Chapel at the west end of the Church. This is a good opportunity to make your communion if you are not able to come to Church on Sunday.

**Slow motion on Motion 30** When the General Synod met last year it tried to resolve the vexed human sexuality issue by setting up a working group that was tasked to accomplish several challenging objectives. It was to draw up possible liturgical rites for same sex blessings, while at the same time validating and affirming the Church's traditional doctrine of marriage. It was to generate a conscience opt out provision for those clergy and parishes who did not wish to take part in same sex blessings. At the same time parishes who wished to were given permission to "recognise" in public worship same sex couples who had received a civil union or same sex marriage. The working group was to bring an interim report to this year's round of diocesan Synods for comment and response ahead of next year's General Synod, which would clear the way for a final report the following year for the final merry go round of diocesan Synods, then the General Synod for the big decision in 2018. This is the Westminster way the Anglican Church does major change. However the working group has failed to produce an interim report in time for this year's diocesan Synods, and has retimetabled its delivery date to just before next year's General Synod. This creates uncertainty and confusion. Does the whole process slow down by two years, or does it skip the first round of diocesan Synod consultations and treat the 2016 General Synod as the start of the consultation process? What has hampered the working group has been the exit of two of its most able members, Lynda Paterson Dean of Christchurch, who died last year, and Bishop Victoria Matthews, who resigned because she felt that her membership of the working group hindered her ability to deal pastorally with the fallout from whichever decision is finally taken. This year's Christchurch Synod called for more time for discussion and consultation, arguing that at present different interest groups in the church were talking to themselves rather than to their ideological opposites.

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