



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

FEAST OF DEDICATION

CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

“The joy and hope, the grief and anxiety
of the people of this age,
especially those who are poor,
or in any way afflicted:
this is the joy and hope,
the grief and anxiety,
of the followers of Christ.”

Indeed, nothing genuinely human
fails to raise an echo in their hearts.

The Christian community
is, after all, a community of men and women
truly linked with mankind and its history,
bearing a message of salvation intended for all people.

This council, therefore,
having looked in depth at the Church itself,
now turns its attention on the whole of humanity.

We want to state clearly our understanding of the presence and
function of the Church
in the world of today.

For the world is the theatre of human history,
its energies,
its tragedies,
and its triumphs.

*Preface to Gaudium et Spes
The Second Vatican Council 1965*

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:

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

142 The Church of God a kingdom is

481 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee

467 Through all the changing scenes of life

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

[Psalm 45](#)

The response to the psalm is:

The waters of the river gladden the city of God

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

[John 2: 13-22](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Daniel 12: 1-3](#)

[Psalm 15](#)

[Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18](#)

[Mark 13: 24-32](#)

Parish News

Pot luck lunch Our second Sunday of the month pot luck lunch
follows the refreshments after the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

The Second of the Caversham lectures takes place on Tuesday
evening at 7.30 pm in the lounge. Alex Trapeznik from the Otago
history department will speak on “The Dunedin Warehouse
Precinct.” Alex’s recent E book on the subject opens up the history
of the commercial heart and hub of Dunedin when it was in its
heyday as New Zealand’s premier city. The Precinct is now

undergoing a revitalisation process as a place of offices, apartments and hospitality venues as the DCC seeks to regenerate the heart of Dunedin. The talk will be illustrated with attractive images of the buildings under discussion.

Frances Hodgkins The next meeting of the Frances Hodgkins house group will be on Monday 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.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Monday 16 November. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins or Kate Paterson any matters you want raised at that meeting.

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.

Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time Minnie Fowler, Alexander Fowler, William Gwynne, Alex Moorhead, Joan Gwynne, William Isaac, William Brown, Eileen Owen, Gary Holden and Jasmine Holden.

Basket goodies As Christmas approaches please can we have tins of fruit and Christmas treats included in our food basket for the Anglican Family Centre.

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.

Meditation group meets at Joan Dutton's house after the Thursday morning Eucharist, a great opportunity to deepen your prayer life. Ph 455 7948 for further information.

Steady as she goes Mobility Solutions has provided St Peters with a free walker to be assist visitors who require mobility assistance.

What happened in Rome? The three week Synod of Bishops meeting on the theme of the family has concluded with secular journalists puzzled about the outcome. Nothing was said about gay relationships, and while the final document counselled a spirit of welcome and inclusion for divorced and remarried Catholics the rules weren't changed about allowing them back to communion. Observers wondered too about the opening restatement of traditional church teaching on moral issues from an Eastern European Cardinal as an apparent agenda setter. However the final 93 paragraph statement isn't the point of real significance about the gathering; rather the spirit of consultation, open dialogue and careful mutual listening to other points of view is the startling change brought about by Pope Francis. This has been unsettling and concerning for those prelates accustomed to tightly controlled Synods and centrally tailored take home messages of an expected sort. What is happening is the restoration of what the Synods of Bishops were supposed to be at their inception at the Vatican 2 Council - a raising in value of the local church vis a vis the universal church, a moving away from a Eurocentric dominated church, and an opportunity for dialogue of weight and significance in the higher counsels of the church. This genuine collegiality was hindered and impeded by John Paul 2 and Benedict, but has now gained momentum under the new leadership. Now the emphasis is on the Pastoral aspect of the church, with Pope Francis using the striking image of the church as a field hospital. As the wounded of the world stream in priests and bishops are to receive them with compassion, understanding, warmth and welcome, intent on healing and restoring those who have come for solace and understanding. The church is not to sell Christ's demanding life style requirements short, nor are priests to be hard hearted disciplinarians and repeaters of tired old nostrums.

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