



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

DECEMBER 27, 2015

HOLY FAMILY

**LITTLE GIDDING**

What we call the beginning is often the end  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.....  
We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.  
Through the unknown, remembered gate  
When the last of earth to discover  
Is that which was the beginning;  
At the source of the longest river  
The voice of the hidden waterfall  
And the children in the apple-tree  
Not known, because not looked for  
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness  
Between two waves of the sea.  
Quick now, here, now always-  
A condition of complete simplicity  
(Costing not less than everything)  
And all shall be well and  
All manner of things shall be well  
When the tongues of flame are in-folded  
Into the crowned knot of fire  
And the fire and the rose are one.

*T S Eliot*

**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:**

285 For the beauty of the earth

40 What child is this

33 Of the Father's heart begotten (first 5 verses only)

44 Faithful Vigil ended (T. 282)

387 Jesus, good above all other

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[1 Samuel 1: 11, 20-22, 24-28](#)

[Psalm 84](#) The response to the psalm is:

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord**

[1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24](#)

[Luke 2: 41-52](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

[Isaiah 60: 1-6](#)

[Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6](#)

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

**Parish News**

**Christmas appeal** St Peter's commends and supports Christian World Service's "Help Rebuild Lives" Christmas Appeal. Your contribution through the appeal envelope helps people in the third world with little or nothing to have a better life.

**Raffle** The raffle was drawn just before Christmas. First prize, the quilt, Mary Barton. Second prize, the tea set, Jono Gillies. Third prize, the mirror, Wendy Stocks. The raffle raised \$240 for parish funds.

**Next Sunday** We will celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. As this will be the first Sunday in the month the Service of Evensong and Benediction will take place at 5 pm.

**Christmas tableau** Grateful thanks to Tubby and Averil Hopkins, and to Ken Ferguson for creating our beautiful Christmas tableau. Thought is going in to the possibility of creating an Easter garden located in the interior of the altar in a similar manner.

**Readers for Watchnight Service** St Peters will see in the New Year with a Watchnight Service beginning at 10.30 pm. This consists of a Vigil of apposite and appropriate readings, followed by a celebration of the Eucharist using a westernised version of the Liturgy of St Basil. If you would like to read a lesson at this Service please indicate your availability on the notice in the Link. A social gathering follows in the lounge to see in the New Year.

**Keeping on keeping on** The normal pattern of Thursday Services, and of Evensong and Benediction on the first Sunday of the month will continue throughout January.

**New hall booking number** Please phone 453 4621, David Hoskins' new phone number, to make a hall booking.

**Thursday Eucharist** is celebrated at 10 am in the Lady Chapel at the west end of the Church.

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

**Pray for those whose Memorials occur at this time**. David, John and Richard Tourelle, Noel McQuarrie, Francis Hore, William Littler, Doreen Fraser, Lena Holmes and Christopher Holden.

**Some anticipations of 2016** In January Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury will gather the Primates of the Anglican Communion around him at Lambeth to see if a way forward can be found to keep the Communion together in the face of divisive quarrels around issues of human sexuality. In May the New Zealand General Synod will meet at Napier. Amongst other issues it will consider the preliminary report of the Way Forward group tasked with bringing forward proposals for implementing Motion 30 of the last General Synod on same sex blessings. The Way Forward task group failed to bring this report together in time for last year's

Diocesan Synods to consider it as it should have, and so a vexed issue will be whether this preliminary round of consultations can be dispensed with, or whether the whole process should be slowed down by two years to allow such a consultation to proceed. The Diocesan Synod will meet in Invercargill 16-18 September. Lent and Holy Week fall early in the coming year with Ash Wednesday occurring on 10 February and Easter on 27 March. 2016 will be Bishop Kelvin's last full year as Bishop of Dunedin as he is due to retire at Easter 2017 when he turns 65.

**Underwhelming Christchurch Cathedral announcement** The Christchurch Press had been playing up last Wednesday's announcement about the future of the Cathedral as a "decision" but in fact it was much more tentative than that. All that the government mediator achieved was to persuade the Church Property Trustees to consider the possibility of reinstating the original Cathedral, while at the same time getting both sides to agree that the likely cost of doing so would be around \$105 million with a likely completion date around 2022. CPT says its insurance pay-out is nowhere near that figure so this puts the onus on the restorationists to come up with the promise of tens of millions of dollars by April. If they cannot do this then the option of demolition and modern replacement becomes the option that will be pursued. Gerry Brownlee conceded that state financial help was a possibility, but this could be tricky with secularists objecting to tax payer money being spent on such a project and Catholics enquiring why their Cathedral was not receiving the same assistance.

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