



St Peter's Caversham

4 September 2016 **The Pebble** 23rd Sunday

Flickering Mind *Denise Levertov*

Lord, not you,
it is I who am absent.
At first
belief was a joy I kept in secret,
stealing alone
into sacred places:
a quick glance, and away - and back,
circling.
I have long since uttered your name
but now
I elude your presence.
I stop
to think about you, and my mind
at once
like a minnow darts away,
darts into the shadows, into gleams that fret
unceasing over
the river's purling and passing.
Not for one second
will my self hold still, but wanders
anywhere,
everywhere it can turn. Not you,
it is I am absent.
You are the stream, the fish, the light,
the pulsing shadow,
you the unchanging presence, in whom all
moves and changes.
How can I focus my flickering, perceive
at the fountain's heart - The sapphire I know is there

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:

437 Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him
360 Firmly I believe and truly
351 Come ye faithful raise the anthem
376 I heard the voice of Jesus say
249 Round me falls the night

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Wisdom 9: 13-18](#)

The response to [Psalm 90](#) is:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

[Philemon 9-10, 12-17](#)

[Luke 14: 25-33](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Numbers 21: 4-9](#)

[Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

[John 3: 13-17](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Chanson de Matin* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

PARISH NEWS

Vicar away The Vicar has had to travel to Nelson at short notice to be with his daughter Katie who is very ill.

Evensong and Benediction Regrettably the Service of Evensong and Benediction we usually have on the first Sunday of the month has had to be cancelled because of the Vicar's absence.

Church grounds working bee Our next Church grounds working bee will be next Saturday 10 September beginning at 9.30 am with a morning tea break finishing at noon. According to your inclination bring secateurs or loppers for dead heading of flowers and rose pruning, rakes and brooms for sweeping up leaves, hand tools for weeding, bow saws or other devices for cutting off small branches and garden gloves. The working bee will be postponed if wet. For further information ring Warwick Harris at 455 0071.

Next Garage Sale Our next parish garage sale is scheduled for Saturday 24 September. It would be helpful if parishioners could be looking out items suitable for inclusion on our display tables.

Frances Hodgkins The Anglican Frances Hodgkins house group will meet on Monday 12 September at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Wardens meeting The Vicar hopes to meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please let Kate Paterson or Tubby Hopkins know of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Teschemakers expedition A 45 seater bus has been booked for our Saturday 1 October outing to Teschemakers and Oamaru thus bringing the travel costs for the expedition down to \$15 a head. The lunch cost is \$25 bringing the total costs for the outing to \$40, a very reasonable price for a day's entertainment. The outing will include the celebration of a Eucharist in the Chapel on arrival as we keep the feast of St Therese of Lisieux, and time in the Victorian heritage Harbour St precinct in Oamaru. At present we have 33 people signed up for the outing. Please could you reach out to friends, family and members of neighbouring parishes to find the extra people we need to make up the numbers for what promises to be a most enjoyable day.

Please pray for those who have recently died especially Nell Van Laar, a former parishioner.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson, Jonathan Gillies, Ian Gordon and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Ouie Garrod and Rona Hitchox.

Crowd funding the Bishopric So far 36 people have taken up Dr Tony Fitchett's challenge to contribute \$3 a week to fund the next

Bishop of Dunedin. This will contribute \$12,000 per annum. A motion will be brought to Synod to encourage widespread participation in this fund raising scheme. Those who wish to contribute now can do so through the Fund our Bishop account at Diocese of Dunedin 06-0901-0015680-00. Please quote 1200 200 200 as a reference. Alternatively cheques can be sent to Dominique Aitcheson, The Accounts Clerk, Peter Mann House, P O Box 13170, Green Island, Dunedin 9052. Please include your address details and specify what the cheque is for so you can receive a tax claim receipt.

Gleanings from the past Background reading for the parish history has revealed that before 1914 most weddings took place in private homes with just a few people present. The Minister of Religion who officiated at the ceremony had often never met the couple before. The custom of white weddings in church with a large congregation present only became established in the inter war years. Pre 1914 families tended to be large with 8 or 9 children not uncommon. Numbers dropped in the inter war years to around 4 or 5 children. This would have helped to thin out South Dunedin's population, which until 1940 was one of the most densely populated areas in New Zealand. In late 19th century South Dunedin men outnumbered women but in the period just before the Great War women drew ahead, a lead that increased further after the war due in part to the high casualty rate on the western front and amongst wounded and maimed returning servicemen.

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