



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

25 September 2016

Ordinary 26

East Coker

Home is where one starts from. As we grow older
The world becomes stranger, the pattern more
complicated
Of dead and living. Not the intense moment
Isolated, with no before and after,
But a lifetime burning in every moment
And not the lifetime of one man only
But of old stones that cannot be deciphered.
There is a time for the evening under starlight,
A time for the evening under lamplight
(The evening with the photograph album).
Love is most nearly itself
When here and now cease to matter.
Old men ought to be explorers
Here and now does not matter
We must be still and moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion
---In my end is my beginning

*T S Eliot
The Four Quartets*

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:

392 Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom

347 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

383 Jesu, lover of my soul

445 Rock of ages, cleft for me

306 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Amos 6: 1, 4-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 145](#) is:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

[1 Timothy 6: 11-16](#)

[Luke 16: 19-31](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4](#)

[2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14](#)

[Luke 17: 5-9](#)

PARISH NEWS

Garage sale Grateful thanks to those who worked so hard to make yesterday's Garage Sale happen. As ever this was a most enjoyable encounter with the local community and one that helped our parish finances cash flow.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet at 2 pm on Tuesday 27 September at Ronda Tatnell's home, 38b Bellona St, St Kilda, for coffee/tea and chit chat - enquiries phone Raylene 455-2389.

Vestry news Two further initiatives for the de-mossing of the Church roof were agreed to. The Synod representatives reported on last weekend's Synod in Invercargill. A memorandum from the diocese was considered regarding the recording of clergy sick leave and annual leave. It would be necessary to draw up a covenant regarding issues such as clergy leave, allowances, and attendance at conferences. It was agreed that the parish would financially underwrite the bus trip so that the Teschemakers outing could proceed. It was resolved that the fate of the stained glass windows at Holy Cross, St Kilda was a conservation issue for that parish to resolve with St Peters being available to help if that was requested. Last month's election of Tubby Hopkins as a replacement Synods person was reviewed and confirmed.

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, Katie Bowron and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth and James Blackledge, Andrew Stier, Janey Ross, Helen Elliot, and William Lanham.

Teschemakers expedition Please come to Baker St by 9.15 for a 9.30 start to our next Saturday expedition to Teschemakers. Please bring \$40 cash with you to pay for the \$15 bus tariff and the \$25 lunch. We expect to arrive around 11 and will proceed straight to the Chapel for the celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch will follow at 12 with time for inspecting the house and the grounds before and after that. We will then proceed to the Harbour Street precinct in Oamaru for some shopping and sightseeing. We expect to be back home around 4.30-5.

Synod news Much debate centred around Statute 14 that governs how the parish diocesan contributions are worked out, and its reform to change the formula for this calculation. In future parishes will be assessed by the simple formula of income only. This means that our parish contribution, which remains for this year at the low level it has for some years of just over \$4,000, will double next year to around \$8,000. After some procedural confusion and an intervention by the Bishop a measure was passed that requires equal men/women representation on the diocesan nominators panel, the group that assists parishes to choose their next Vicar. After some debate the Trust Board motion requesting that 25% of future land and buildings sales go the capital base of the Bishopric estate was withdrawn and incorporated into the Missions Committee motion requiring that 100% of such sales goes into the diocesan mission fund. Some features of the Trust Board motion were incorporated into this measure whereby the Bishopric fund can benefit from these sales to some extent and the exceptive clause that parishes will be exempt from the levy in situations where they are realigning their property portfolio in such a way as to make the operation of their parish more efficient. A Synods person requested much more informative reporting to Synod from the Trust Board regarding its share portfolio and the degree to which it is ethically invested. The Vicar undertook to meet with the Synods person and to bring a higher level of such reporting to the next Synod. The business of Synod was concluded by 4pm on Saturday. The Sunday session turned into a break up into small groups for a hearing, caring sharing session about the future of the diocese. The Caversham representatives made an early and graceful exit from such a group therapy approach to diocesan decision making.

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