



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Ordinary 27

Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved one's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.

God can't give us peace and happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing.

If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what he is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that these jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in such a way that it hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but he is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

C.S. Lewis

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 after the Solemn Sung
Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

408 Love Divine, all love's excelling
468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
467 Through all the changing scenes of life
472 When all thy mercies, O my God (2nd Tune)
252 The day thou gavest Lord is ended

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 95](#) is:

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

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

[Luke 17: 5-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Kings 5: 14-17](#)

[2 Timothy 2: 8-13](#)

[Luke 17: 11-19](#)

PARISH NEWS

Morning Tea This morning we meet at the back of church for morning tea after the 10.30 am service due to the Alpine Plants Exhibition in the Hall.

Evensong and Benediction Our first Sunday of the Month Service of Evensong and Benediction takes place this evening at 5 pm. Refreshments follow in the lounge.

Garage sale Our recent garage sale realised over \$800. So many goods were contributed that it wasn't possible to display them

all. We anticipate having another sale in November to dispose of them.

Rock The latest edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

Frances Hodgkins The Frances Hodgkins Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated on Thursday at 11 am. The house group meeting will be on Monday 10 October at 2 pm in the Garden lounge. A film will be shown on Coventry and Chichester Cathedrals.

Wardens meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 12 October. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins or Kate Paterson any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Impending ordination The Revd Jonathan Hicks who teaches systematics at the Anglican Theological College in the Solomons, is to be priested on Sunday 16th October. St Peter's is amongst a number of parishes in this diocese who provide financial support for the Hicks family in their missionary endeavours. The raffle that Port Chalmers parish have been running on their behalf, and to which a number of St Peter's parishioners have contributed, has raised around \$1,000 for them.

Electoral Synods in Tikanga Maori A second attempt was made to elect a Maori Bishop for the South Island over the weekend of 23-25 September. The outcome of that electoral Synod is not yet known. An electoral college will gather at Manutuke just outside Gisborne on 7-9 October to elect a new Bishop for Te Tairāwhiti, the jurisdiction that the Primate Brown Turei will shortly resign.

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 David Steele, Stanley Wright, Elvira Steel, Nyra Phillips, Shona Thomas, Lynette Welch, Jean Errington, Bruce Robbins, Grace Hughes and Helen Larkins.

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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