



St Peter's Caversham

www.stpeterscaversham.org.nz

## The Pebble

16 October 2016

Ordinary 29

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,  
Who knowest our necessities before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking;  
We beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities;  
and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare  
not,  
and for our blindness we cannot ask  
vouchsafe to give us  
for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayers for occasional use, Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,  
and art wont to give more than either we desire or  
deserve;  
Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,  
forgiving us those good things whereof our conscience is  
afraid,  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy  
to ask,  
but through the merits and mediation of  
Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

*Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity,  
Book of Common Prayer*

## 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:

346 City of God, how broad and far

416 O God of bethel, by whose hand

442 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire (Tune 415/2<sup>nd</sup>)

312 When the appointed sacrifice (Tune 95)

441 Pray that Jerusalem may have (Tune 374)

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Exodus 17: 8-13](#)

The response to [Psalm 121](#) is:

**Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth**

[2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2](#)

[Luke 18: 1-8](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18](#)

[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18](#)

[Luke 18: 9-14](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Allegro* (Organ Sonata in F Major)

C.P.E. Bach (1714-1788)

#### PARISH NEWS

**Garage sale** Our recent garage sale has now realised nearly \$1,000. 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** Contributors to the Rock are reminded that Sunday evening is the deadline for copy for this month's edition

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship Group will meet at Gwen Hudson's home, 1 Wycolla Avenue, on Tuesday 25 October at 2 pm. Gwen will talk about her recent trip to Italy and France. The November meeting will be an end of year lunch at the Waterloo at 12.30 pm - Raylene will need to know the numbers - phone 455 2389.

**Mid-Week Eucharist** The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

**New Maori Bishop for Te Waipounamu** 71 year old Archdeacon Richard Wallace has been elected as the next Tikanga Maori Bishop for the South Island. Ordained in 1987 he currently resides in Westport where he has been local Archdeacon for Te Waipounamu since 2014. He has formerly held assistant ministry posts at Phillipstown in Christchurch and at the Nelson Maori Mission.

**The return of Revd Gary Griffiths Smith** The Revd Gary Griffiths Smith, former Vicar of St Matthews Dunedin, is returning from his native South Africa to be instituted as Vicar of Gore and districts on Sunday 23 October at 7 pm.

**Pray for those to be ordained** especially the Revd Jonathan Hicks to be priested in the Solomons today, the Revds Brett Roberts to be priested at St Johns Roslyn on 12 November at 7 pm and Max Whitaker to be priested on 4 November at 7pm at Holy Trinity North Invercargill.

**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, Lorraine Mitchell and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Chris Timlin, Alister Keast, Joyce Knowles, Patrick McRodden, David Best (Priest), Elizabeth Anderson, and William Fraser.

**Advice about prayer** Today's sermon is entitled "Prayer that changes things." I offer some advice about prayer to accompany it. Set time aside for prayer at your best times in the day or night when you are most alert, not in your down times. Prayer is about being connected to God, in contact, sometimes without word or images or ideas. It nurtures the sense of the presence of God in our lives. Without the habit of daily prayer God can feel distant, a reality that we are not sure about. To come into the presence of God and still the distracted and over-thinking mind have some helpful resource to hand that can assist with this - the repetition of a line from a hymn, a phrase from the Sunday Scripture readings, gazing at a lit candle, using a rosary. In praying for others be organised and thoughtful so that you don't just end up praying for the usual small number of people. Perhaps a notebook divided into the days of the week in which we list different people each day from our family, friendship world, our parish, and the concerns we have for the wider world. A way of praying for others that I find helpful is to recreate in my imagination Andrei Rublev's icon of the Trinity, and then to place in the midst of the Triune figures my recollected memory of the person I am praying for. Before asking for things from God never forget to praise him and thank him. Prayer is the language of love, of adoration, of gratitude and when we do this the exchange of love between him and us can begin and become perceptible to us.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron - 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins - 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson - 455-5384

**Director of Music:** David Hoskins 453-4621

**Stewardship Recorder:** Averil Hopkins - 454-2399