

St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

20 November 2016

Christ the King

You O Christ are the Kingdom of Heaven

You, O Christ are the Kingdom of Heaven; You, the land promised to the gentle; You the grazing land of paradise; You, the hall of the celestial banquet; You, the ineffable marriage chamber; You the table set for all, You the bread of life: You, the unheard of drink; You, both the urn for the water and the life-giving water; You, moreover, the inextinguishable lamp for each one of the saints; You, the garment and the crown and the one who distributes crowns: You, the joy and the rest; You, the delight and the glory; You the gaiety; You, the mirth; And your grace, grace of the Spirit of all sanctity' will shine like the sun in all the saints: and You, inaccessible sun, will shine in their midst and all will shine brightly, to the degree of their faith, their asceticism.

Symeon the New Theologian 949-1022,

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 <u>HYMNS:</u>
443 Rejoice! The Lord is King
345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
499 Thy kingdom come, O God
414 O for a closer walk with God
249 Round me falls the night
READINGS FOR TODAY
2 Samuel 5: 1-3
The response to Psalm 122 is:
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23: 35-43

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

<u>Isaiah 2: 1-5</u> <u>Romans 13: 11-14</u> <u>Matthew 24: 37-44</u>

PARISH NEWS

Fellowship group The St Peter's fellowship group will meet for our Christmas luncheon on Tuesday 22 November at 12.30 pm in the Waterloo Hotel followed by tea or coffee at Raylene's home. Please advise Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 if you plan to attend by Friday 18 November.

<u>Vestry news</u> Vestry noted with grateful appreciation that Agnes Beamish has made herself available to be a holiday relief organist for David Hoskins. It was decided to purchase a defibrillator early in the New Year that will be kept in the Link. A grant from a local organisation is anticipated to assist with this purchase. The Vicar reported that he plans to make a 30 day directed Ignatian retreat next year. The Vicar signalled that it would be a good idea to put money aside in next year's budget to make it possible to bring in future Caversham lectures from further afield as the lecture series gathers momentum and attracts wider public interest.

Removal of Holy Cross windows to take place in early December The removal of four of the Holy Cross windows is expected to take place in early December at the end of the sale tender process, to be followed by their storage in especially constructed wooden crates and their safe storage at St Peter's.

<u>Please remember in your prayers</u> Karsyn Rex Ludlow to be baptised at St Peter's on Sunday 27 November.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson, Jonathan Gillies, Katie Bowron, Lorraine Mitchell and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose anniversay occurs at this time Colin Trim, Ruby Trim, Keith Littler, and Dulcie Sutherland.

Fourth Caversham Lecture This Tuesday Evening.

The fourth Caversham lecture on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the Parish Lounge will focus on New Zealand's youth justice system that in many ways leads the world as it attempts to keep New Zealand's troubled youth away from the adult criminal justice system as much as possible. Brian Kilkelly, St Peter's parishioner and a criminal barrister, will be the presenter.

Board sought Carol Morris, a middle aged student who attends All Saints Palmerston North, seeks board in Dunedin from January next year. She can afford up to \$210 a week. For further details see the Vicar.

Episcopal election Archbishop Phillip Richardson has appointed Bishop Jim White, the assistant Bishop of Auckland, to be the bishop who will preside over Dunedin's episcopal electoral Synod. It is anticipated that this will be held a month or two after Bishop Kelvin retires at the end of April 2017.

Atheist pride march Wednesday's atheist pride march down a rain soaked George St was a good humoured affair attracting a small number of participants but it signals a growing militancy in some quarters of public opinion against organised religion and the Christian heritage of our country. The campaign of some unbelieving parents against Bible in Schools has been another expression of this. We can expect more of this in the future as slumbering indifference to religion turns in to something more sharp edged and challenging. It was interesting to note that the man in the gorilla suit who led the march claims that Creative New Zealand is subsidising his atheist street art, a remarkable use of public money to subsidise his bleak creed.

US Episcopal churches vandalised with hate speech Episcopalians in Indiana and Maryland awoke Sunday morning to hate messages scrawled on their church properties. These included "fag church" and "Heil Trump." As with the Brexit vote the recent Presidential election has allowed appalling opinions formerly expressed only in private to become openly expressed. Both countries have now revealed a meaner and nastier side to their common life that reflects little credit to them.

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