



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

12 November 2017

Armistice Day Service

The End

After the blast of lightning from the east,
The flourish of loud clouds, the Chariot throne,
After the drums of time have rolled and ceased
And from the bronze west long retreat is blown,

Shall Life renew these bodies? Of a Truth
All death will he annul, all tears assuage?
Or fill these void veins full again with youth
And wash with an immortal water age?

When I do ask white Age, he saith not so, -
"My head hangs weighed with snow."
And when I hearken to the Earth she saith
My fiery heart sinks aching. It is death.
Mine ancient scars shall not be glorified
Nor my titanic tears the sea be dried."

Wilfred Owen

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:

See Armistice Day Service booklet

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 4: 3-10](#)

[Ephesians 6: 10-18](#)

[Luke 4: 1-13](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12](#)

[1 Peter 3: 9-11, 16-17](#)

[John 2: 13-22](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *In Memoriam* Elgar/arr. Brewer

PARISH NEWS

Armistice Day Service All the liturgical texts and the hymns for our 10.30 am Armistice Day Service are in the Service booklet you will have received on entering the Church. Our thanks to Ralph Miller, Dunedin Symphony Orchestra trumpeter, for playing the Last Post and Reveille, to Faye-Noel Brown for making the wreath, to Warwick Harris for his research into the Commonwealth war graves website to locate the parish war dead and for suggesting this Service, to Sue Edwards for her Loyalty St

presentation and to Arnold Bachop for singing "The day thou gavest" as a communion anthem. Today's Eucharistic Prayer is drawn from "Joining the Angels Song" by Samuel Wells, Vicar of St Martins in the Fields, and Abigail Kocher.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group meets on Tuesday 21 November at 2 pm in Marjorie Finnie's home 130 Surrey St. The speaker will be Tess Hicks - please note the meeting is one week earlier than usual. We look forward to seeing you there. Phone Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 for information.

Second Caversham lecture cancelled Regrettably next week's Caversham lecture entitled "Opening the mind - confessions of a brain surgeon" has had to be cancelled due to illness of the lecturer.

"Wrongful Conviction" This means that the next Caversham lecture will be in a fortnight's time on Tuesday evening 21 November at 7.30 pm when Dr Rachel Zajac explains how courts and the police can sometimes get it wrong in criminal prosecutions. Rachel is an expert in forensic psychology and is often required to give expert testimony in court cases.

Next Sunday we will welcome the Revd Jonathan Hicks as our guest preacher as we celebrate St Peter's Feast of Dedication. Jonathan teaches theology at the Anglican theological college on the island of Malaita in the Solomons. St Peter's provides financial support for this valuable missionary ministry.

Garage sale The final tally from last Saturday's garage sale is \$609.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Joan Dutton, Mahlia and Sheree Napier and Jonathan Gillies.

The shell diocese of San Joaquin When American clergyman David Rice arrived in New Zealand his rise was meteoric. He

went from being Vicar of Diamond Harbour to Dean of Dunedin and then Bishop of Waiapu. Then he returned to America to become provisional Bishop of the diocese of San Joaquin, or rather what was left of it since most of it had decamped to the Anglican Church of North America over the bitter disputes over human sexuality. Just how precarious and diminished the shell diocese is became clear recently when the executive council of the Episcopal Church forgave San Joaquin nearly \$6 million in loans and interest, costs incurred through litigation to recover former church property and unpaid annual assessments to the national church. There are only 21 viable congregations left in the diocese only 2 of which can afford full time priests. The rest are staffed by retired or part time clergy. The diocese plans to sell 25 buildings recovered through litigation, though some of them need considerable maintenance and repair spending. Similar scenarios are unfolding in the other breakaway dioceses of Forth Worth, South Carolina, and Pittsburgh. Since 2000 the Episcopal Church has spent \$45 million in similar lawsuits with another \$15 million being spent by various dioceses, a lawyers' feast. At the end of these pointless and unchristian exercises the recovered church buildings have often been sold to pay the lawyers bills.

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