



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

24 June 2018

Nativity of John the Baptist

Song of the Builders

On a summer morning
I sat down
on a hillside
to think about God

a worthy pastime.
Near me, I saw
a single cricket;
it was moving the grains of the hillside

this way and that way.
How great was its energy,
how humble its effort.
Let us hope

it will always be like this,
each of us going on
in our inexplicable ways
building the universe.

Mary Oliver

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at
the communion rail 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

234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

478 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

313 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants

416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 49: 1-6](#)

The response to [Psalm 139](#) is:

I praise you for I am wonderfully made

[Acts 13: 22-26](#)

[Luke 1: 57-66, 80](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 12: 1-11](#)

[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

PARISH NEWS

Preacher Fr Brian Kilkelly is this morning's preacher. His date for priesting has been set down for Sunday 9 September.

On this day Fr Hugh was ordained a priest 38 years ago at Peterborough Cathedral on the feast of the nativity of St John the Baptist according to the rites of the Book of Common Prayer. A big 40th anniversary celebration is highly likely in 2 years' time.

Patronal festival lunch We will celebrate our Patronal festival next Sunday 1 July and will then adjourn to the Kensington by the Oval for lunch. We need to know numbers for this by the Sunday before. Please sign up for this important event in our parish life on the notice on the table by the Link noticeboard at your earliest convenience.

Don't forget the missing weeks Been away from St Peter's a few weeks while on holiday? Don't forget to include the missing weeks in your envelope offering. We depend on your regular and generous giving for our week by week operations. If you are new to St Peter's please consider joining our envelope scheme. In this way your regular giving becomes entitled to an annual tax rebate.

Christchurch visit Fr Hugh will be in Christchurch Wednesday through Friday attending the book launch of the Addington history "Local Lives" in which he figures and spending time with his daughter Katie.

Fellowship group The Fellowship meeting this month will be lunch at Robbies on 26 June at 12.15 pm. Please phone Raylene 455 2389 to advise of your attendance.

Parish telephone list There have been several parishioner requests for a parish telephone list made available only to regular St Peters parishioners. This will be compiled shortly. Please let the Vicar know if you do not want your phone number or e mail address to be included in this.

Proposed closure of South Dunedin Kiwibank and Post Shop petition This is the last chance to sign the petition against the proposed closure of what is the busiest retail outlet in South Dunedin as the petition must be handed in on 30 June. You can also write to Winston Peters who is the Kiwibank Minister. Remember that you don't have to attach a stamp when writing to an MP and that New Zealand First has promised to be good to the regions. Copies of the petition are at the back of the Church and in the Link.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill, Jono Gillies and John Steele.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Charles Booker, Betty Praill, Gardiner Murray, Norman Lanham and John Watson.

Caversham 2018 lectures The dates, lecturers and lecture titles for this year's Caversham Lectures have been confirmed. They will run through the successive Wednesday evenings of November in the parish lounge as follows:

Dr Margo Barton who teaches fashion at the Otago Polytechnic, "The ID International Emerging Designers Award" 7 November

Revd Toby Behan, recently ordained Priest in the Christchurch diocese and former dancer with and choreographer of the New Zealand Ballet Company, "The faith of a ballet dancer" 14 Nov

Professor John Reynolds, Otago University Brain Health Research Centre, "Teaching an old brain new tricks" 21 Nov

Bishop Steven Benford, "The faith of a Bishop" 28 November.

About GAFCON At the time of going to press the GAFCON conference in Jerusalem was still in session. The organisers were disappointed that no Anglo-Catholics turned up so its constituency has been mostly conservative evangelicals. Several agendas are playing out in this gathering. There are those who think it is time that leadership of the Anglican world moves away from Britain and the Archbishop of Canterbury to Africa where the majority of Anglicans now are. There are those who are appalled by the moral relativism and smorgasbord approach to central Christian doctrines of some western Anglican Provinces and who wish to contend for the soul of the Anglican Communion. Justin Welby will be watching the gathering anxiously and wondering what impact it will have on the planned 2020 Lambeth Conference. Already the Ugandan bench of bishops has announced that it won't be attending and Nigeria is likely to follow suit.

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