



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

12 August 2018

The Assumption

The Half-Finished Heaven

Despondency breaks off its course.
Anguish breaks off its course.
The vulture breaks off its flight.

The eager light streams out,
even the ghosts take a draught.

And our paintings see daylight,
Our red beasts of the ice-age studios.

Everything begins to look around.
We walk in the sun in hundreds.

Each man is a half-open door
leading to a room for everyone.

The endless ground under us.

The water is shining through the trees.

The lake is a window into the earth.

Tomas Tranströmer

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

186 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus

181 The Lord whom earth and sea and sky

187 Virgin born we bow before thee

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Revelation 11: 19a, 12: 1-6, 10](#)

The response to [Psalm 45](#) is:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold

[1 Corinthians 15: 20-26](#)

[Luke 1: 39-56](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Proverbs 9: 1-6](#)

[Ephesians 5: 15-20](#)

[John 6: 51-58](#)

PARISH NEWS

Organist and preacher Agnes Beamish is our organist this morning and next Sunday while David takes some annual leave from his usual duties. Our preacher is Fr Brian.

RIP Tony McConnell A Requiem Mass was celebrated for Tony McConnell here at St Peter's on Wednesday morning. The Vicar took communion to Tony regularly at his Neville St home and gave him the last rites. In Fr Carl's time Tony attended the Thursday morning Eucharist and Evensong and Benediction.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 21 August at 2 pm at the home of St Barnabas where afternoon tea will be provided for \$6. The theme will be "Remember When." Gay Webb will give a talk illustrated by photos.

Friends of the Community of the Sacred Name The Friends will meet on Saturday 18 August at 11 am at St Nicholas Waverley. Eucharist for the feast of the Virgin Mary followed by a meeting and shared lunch in the adjacent hall. Local Companions and Friends of the Anglican Sisters in Christchurch warmly invite others to join them. Chaplain Fr David Crooke, 473 9954.

Confirmation of ordination details The Bishop has confirmed that Fr Brian Kilkelly will be ordained a Priest at the Cathedral on Sunday 9 September at 4 pm.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Church roof repair Two slates fell off the south western corner of the church roof in a high wind event recently. On Thursday Cameron roofing specialists commenced work on the roof having found other slate problems on both sides of the roof. They have also sealed up the gap in the concrete wall between the sanctuary and the nave where birds have been infiltrating for some time.

Advertising brass band concert Please keep up the good work in putting our posters advertising the St Kilda brass band concert on 8 September in public places. There are some more copies of these on the altar at the back of the Church.

Looking ahead Towards the end of the year there will be a season of dance films to be shown in the Vicarage.

Pray for the diocese of Christchurch as its episcopal electoral Synod meets next weekend 17-19 August to elect its next Bishop. There are three candidates for the Synod to consider.

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Ronald Preston and Mavis Williamson.

Christchurch Anglican Care to withdraw from aged care business Anglican Care used to run three rest homes, Fitzgerald House in Avonside, Churchill Courts in Shirley and Bishopspark in Park Terrace. The earthquakes destroyed Churchill Courts and it was never replaced. In a sudden and shock announcement the board of AC has announced that it will gradually run down Fitzgerald House and Bishopspark, not admitting any new residents, actively assisting those who wish to move elsewhere and slowly reducing the amount of support to the diminishing number of residents at its two remaining homes. This course of action is justified on the grounds that AC has been losing money and cannot compete with the higher level of services provided by the large players who have recently entered the aged care business. The decision is of a piece with last year's decision by the diocese of Waiapu to sell off its three homes to another aged care provider. The Christchurch decision has implications for the parish of Holy Trinity Avonside which derives part of its funding from the Chaplaincy fees for providing Services at Fitzgerald House and which drew some of its worshippers from there. The Dunedin diocese has rest homes in Oamaru, Gore, Invercargill and two in Dunedin, St Barnabas in St Clair originally founded by St Peter's, and Leslie Groves, which is run by the Roslyn parish. There is no centralised board that runs these homes but each has its own board. They too struggle on in the face of increasing competition from the Summersets and Rymans of this world. It is significant that in recent years no St Peter's parishioners have chosen to live at St Barnabas while not a few have become residents of Frances Hodgkins.

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