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The Pebble

21 October 2018

29th Sunday

Prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham

O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus, your divine Son, dying on the cross, confided us to your maternal care. You are our Mother; we desire ever to remain your devout children. Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. Make your Name again glorious in this place once renowned throughout our land by your visits, favours and many miracles.

Pray, O holy Mother of God, for the conversion of England (and New Zealand), restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed.

O blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham intercede for us. Amen.

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

181 The Lord whom earth and sea and sky

We sing a threefold Alleluia acclamation before the gospel

439 Praise to the holiest in the height

304 Once, only once, and once for all

416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 53: 10-11

The response to Psalm 33 is:

Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Mark 10: 35-45

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Hebrews 5: 1-6

Mark 10: 46-52

Organ Postlude: "Interlude" from the oratorio "Everyman"

Henry Walford Davies

PARISH NEWS

<u>Celebrant and preacher</u> Fr Brian will be the celebrant at the 10.30 am Sung Mass and Fr Hugh will be the preacher. Fr Hugh will preach and preside at the 8 am Mass.

New statue of Our Lady of Walsingham While at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Fr Hugh purchased a painted statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, which he has gifted to the parish. It has been set up in a place of honour by the Hillside Rd entrance to the Church. The 10.30 am Service begins with the

blessing of the statue. The sanctuary party will process to the shrine of Our Lady during the first hymn.

<u>Blessing prayer</u> The celebrant begins: Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him. Versicle: The Word became flesh

Response: And dwelt among us

The celebrant then offers the prayer of blessing. We then say the Hail Mary. We then resume singing the entry hymn while the sanctuary party proceeds to the altar.

News from this week's Wardens meeting It was decided that the two choir pews shifted to the back of the church to make room for the St Kilda brass band should remain in their new location as this gives more flexible room at the front and provides overspill seating for large church events. It was agreed that the rhododendron society should be permitted to install a flat screen TV on a wall in the lounge as this will be of additional benefit to the parish for the Caversham lecture season. It was decided that the next Vestry meeting will be on 21 November as this will permit the Vestry to consider the by then completed engineering and geo-technical reports on the church. The Vestry may meet again in December having had a month to digest the report findings. It was noted that the DCC heritage fund has agreed to provide \$15,000 towards the cost of the reports. It was noted that Fr Hugh had purchased substantial supplies of varying kinds of incense for St Peter's while at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. It was also noted that there will be a transition in hall cleaning arrangements in the first week of November as David Hoskins relinquishes this role.

Roster preparations A new roster of liturgical duties for the 10.30 am Service will be drawn up in early November. Please advise the Vicar if you are usually on the roster and expect to be away for any portion of the following four months.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnston, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, Jennifer Parmenter and John Steele.

<u>Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time</u> William Fraser, Shirley Quintrell, Frances Jenson, Mabel Jacobs, Hope Burnett, Doris Dickson, Nancy Harper and James McQueen.

Auckland churches face massive rates rise A new charge out policy by Auckland local government has the city's churches protesting against the changes and wondering how they will pay the increased rates. Although churches as places of worship remain exempt from rates any church administrative offices, even if they are part of the church building, and any church halls that are hired out to community groups are assessed as rateable buildings. To take one example of the scale of increases the Catholic parish of Sacred Heart Ponsonby was charged \$218 in rates last year and this year faces a bill of \$17,822.

The Churches Conservation Trust In his tour of English medieval churches the Vicar noticed how a number of them are administered by an independent charity called the Churches Conservation Trust. The CCT administers 350 churches throughout Britain that cannot continue as places of regular worship, which have been made over to its care by the Church Commissioners of the Church of England. The Trust keeps the buildings watertight and well cared for and encourages their regular use as cultural centres and community meeting places open every day for appreciative visitors. The churches remain consecrated buildings and are often used for occasional Services by neighbouring parishes. In some places these buildings have become the centre of imaginative community regeneration projects in areas facing tough times. Funding comes from individual donors and trusts, a regular annual government grant and grants from the General Synod of the Church of England. Such an organisation would be a boon for New Zealand's historic and underused churches and would provide a constructive way forward for diocesan dilemma churches such as St Michael's Clyde.

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