



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

28 October 2018

30th Sunday

Blind Bartimaeus *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Blind Bartimaeus at the gates
Of Jericho in darkness waits;
He hears the crowd - he hears a breath
Say, "It is Christ of Nazareth!"
And calls, in tones of agony,
"Jesus, have mercy now on me!"

The thronging multitudes increase;
Blind Bartimaeus, hold thy peace!
But still, above the noisy crowd,
The beggar's cry is shrill and loud;
Until they say, "He calleth thee!"
"Fear not arise, He calleth thee!"

Then saith the Christ, as silent stands
The crowd, "What wilt thou at my hands?"
And he replies, "O give me light!
Rabbi, restore the blind man's sight!"
And Jesus answers, "Go in peace,
Thy faith from blindness gives release!"

Ye that hath eyes, yet cannot see,
In darkness and in misery,
Recall those mighty Voices Three
"Jesus, have mercy now on me!
Fear not, arise, and go in peace!
Thy faith from blindness gives release.

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

323 Father of mercy, God of consolation

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

484 The Church's one foundation

Solo by Arnold Bachop: "O Love that will not let me go"

249 Round me falls the night

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jeremiah 31: 7-9](#)

The response to [Psalm 126](#) is:

**The Lord has done great things for us,
we are filled with joy.**

[Hebrews 5: 1-6](#)

[Mark 10: 46-52](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14](#)

[1 John 3: 1-3](#)

[Matthew 5: 1-12](#)

PARISH NEWS

Celebrant and preacher Fr Brian is the preacher at this morning's Services. Fr Hugh will preside at the 10.30 am Mass.

Next Sunday we will observe the feast of All Saints. Evensong and Benediction will follow at 5 pm.

Preparing for All Souls We will transfer the commemoration of All Souls to Sunday 11 November, the same day as our Armistice Day Service. There is a notice on the Link

noticeboard for you to write the names of those who have died in the past year who might otherwise be missed out in the recalling of the faithful departed at that Service. Fr James Harding will be the speaker at the Armistice Day Service as he has recently completed a tour of some of the major battlefields of the Great War.

The Rock The new edition of the Rock is available for collection at the back of the church and in the Link.

Frances Hodgkins Service The Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am. Please note that this will be at the former location of the Service in the lounge adjacent to the dining room.

Red Cross in Dunedin looking for donations to equip homes for former refugees The Red Cross urgently need single sheets as well as single duvets and covers. They are also very short on cutlery, mugs and double duvet inners. Any help with providing these items would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver these items to the Red Cross office located at 31 York Place, Dunedin.

Avonside thefts When Holy Trinity Avonside Christchurch was destroyed in a set of cumulative earthquakes some sanctuary items were removed to safe storage. The Church Property Trustees however charged the parish for the storage. Thinking a rebuild imminent the parish set up a storage shed on site and relocated these items to it. Thieves broke in to the shed last week and removed most of the items. Uncertainty hangs over the Avonside parish given the recent decision to run down the Anglican aged care facility in the parish's immediate vicinity.

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.

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Mabel Jacobs, David Cook, Doris Dickson, Nancy Harper and James McQueen.

Major schism threatens in the Eastern Orthodox world The leader of the Eastern Orthodox world is Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, modern day Istanbul. The largest church in the Eastern Orthodox world is the Russian Orthodox Church with around 150 million followers. It is newly invigorated since it was set free from communist persecution. Its leader Patriarch Kirill is attentive to the interests of the Russian Federation just as his predecessors were to the Tsarist state. Ukraine's breakaway from Russia has created considerable tensions in its religious world. Around 12,000 parishes, a third of the Moscow Patriarchate's parishes, lie within Ukraine. This was the only officially recognised or tolerated church in the Stalinist era. But Ukraine has two other Orthodox churches, that of the Kiev Patriarchate with around 4,800 parishes, and that of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church with 1,000 parishes. They have applied to Patriarch Bartholomew for autocephaly or self-governing status and he has granted this. The two Ukrainian Orthodox churches will now come together into one denomination, a move welcomed by the Ukrainian government which has criticised the Moscow Patriarchate for meddling in their internal affairs on behalf of the Putin government. Patriarch Kirill has retaliated by breaking off relations with the Ecumenical Patriarch and may seek to draw other Orthodox churches to recognise it as the true centre of Orthodoxy. This is of a piece with a recent development in which a pan orthodox conciliar Synod was called together on the Island of Cyprus after years of planning by the Ecumenical Patriarch in an attempt to heal the divisions in the Orthodox world in a kind of Orthodox Vatican 2, and was boycotted by Russia and its allies.

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