



St Peter's Caversham

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## The Pebble

18 November 2018

Dedication

### Christ is made the sure foundation

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness,  
Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever,  
Those good things their prayers obtain,  
And hereafter in thy glory,  
With thy blessed ones to reign

*Latin c7th century  
Translated J.M. Neale*

## 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

209 Christ is our corner-stone

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

471 We love the place O God

208 In our day of thanksgiving

441 Pray that Jerusalem may have

### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 46](#) is:

**The waters of the river gladden the city of God,  
home of the Holy One Most High**

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

[John 2: 13-22](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Daniel 7: 13-14](#)

[Revelation 1: 5-8](#)

[John 18: 33-37](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Feast of Dedication** Today we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of St Peter's. As is our custom Fr Hugh will be talking about an aspect of the parish's history. Today's address will focus on the "The church that almost was," the fateful decision made in 1966 that St Peter the Less in Hargest Crescent would not be rebuilt in modern materials according to a contemporary design.

**Local ecumenical Service this evening** Local Caversham churches are coming together at 5 pm this evening at Caversham Baptist church for a Service entitled *Belonging to God – Belonging to Each Other*. It will focus on the unity of the Christian faith that Jesus prayed for in John 17 and commanded in John 13. All welcome.

**Tuesday's Caversham lecture is: Teaching an old brain new tricks** Professor John Reynolds, Department of Anatomy, Otago medical School, describes how best to protect our brain function as we age, how we might protect ourselves from common brain disorders, and new methods to treat these disorders when they occur.

**Next Caversham lecture** On Tuesday 27 November at 7.30 pm in the lounge Bishop Steven Benford will give some personal background to how he became a Christian, the way in which his faith has led him along his vocational path and the perspectives it gives him on his priorities as a diocesan Bishop.

**New location for Thursday Service** With the return of more pleasant weather the Thursday morning Eucharist moves back to the Lady Chapel.

**New Archbishop announced** The Revd Fereimi Cama has been elected as the 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Polynesia and thus becomes an Archbishop under our three Tikanga arrangement in which each ethnic jurisdiction is headed by an Archbishop. Fr Fereimi is the first indigenous Fijian Bishop of Polynesia.

**Fellowship group** The St Peter's Fellowship Group will meet for a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 27 November at the Rope and Twine (formerly Robbie's) at 12.15 pm. Please let Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 know by Friday 23 November if you intend coming.

**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 memorial occurs at this time** Joan Gwynne, Bill Isaac, William Brown, Eileen Owen, Gary Holden, Jasmine Holden, Donald Prail, Ruby and Colin Trim, Keith Littler.

**The leaving of ACANZP** On Wednesday evening the parish of St Matthews, Dunedin held a decisive referendum as to whether to leave the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia in response to the recent General Synod same sex blessing decision. The vote was 79 to 20 in favour of leaving. Their Vicar, the Revd Stu Crosson, has tendered his resignation giving the usual three months' notice. He intends to establish a new church called "Hope Church." It is not known what arrangements will be made to care for and lead the rump core left behind. Thus the numerically largest Anglican congregation in Dunedin and in the diocese in general will be decimated. Meanwhile in Christchurch four parishes are holding similar referenda, in Rangiora, Papanui, Cashmere and Sumner-Redcliffs. The Vicars of Rangiora and Papanui have already resigned. It is unlikely that these parishes will follow the example of the four parishes that have already departed en masse but some of the congregations of each of them may leave in small groups. The new breakaway group calls itself an "Extra-Provincial diocese" and declares one of its identity markers to being "authentically Anglican." It will be interesting to see what this means as several of the breakaway congregations abandoned the liturgy some time ago and regard the Eucharist as a low key priority in their worship line up. So far the breakaways have occurred only in the South Island. There are a couple of conservative evangelical and charismatic parishes in the diocese of Auckland that may well be pondering their options at present.

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