



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

24 February 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Two Useful Prayers

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,  
Who knowest our necessities before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking;  
We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities;  
and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not,  
and for our blindness we cannot ask,  
vouchsafe to give us  
for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayers for occasional use, Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve;  
Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy,  
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to  
ask,  
but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son,  
our Lord.

*Collect for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Book of Common Prayer*

## 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 FOR TODAY

341 Blest are the pure in heart  
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel  
461 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
342 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
249 Round me falls the night

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

The response to [Psalm 103](#) is:

**The Lord is kind and merciful**

[1 Corinthians 15: 45-49](#)

[Luke 6: 27-38](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Sirach 27: 4-7](#)

[1 Corinthians 15: 54-58](#)

[Luke 6: 39-45](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship Group will meet at Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village at 2 pm on Tuesday 26 February. Phyllis Wheeler will give a talk and afternoon tea will be provided. Please advise Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 by Friday 22 February if you plan attending.

**Curry evening** There will be a parish curry evening on Tuesday 5 March at 6 pm at Shree Indian restaurant in the Mornington shopping centre. Please sign the notice in the Link so we can make a booking.

**Autumn working bee** There will be a clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday 9 March. Your help would be much appreciated.

**Parish AGM** Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held on Sunday 17 March 2019 in the lounge after the 10.30 am Service. The nomination form for election for People's Warden and Vestry members is on the Link noticeboard.

**Parish garage sale** There will be a parish garage sale in the hall on Saturday 6 April between 10am and 1 pm. Helpers wanted. Goods can be delivered to church.

**The advent of ritualism in the diocese of Dunedin** Fr Hugh will give a talk on Saturday 2 March at 10 am in the parish lounge on the way in which Anglo-Catholicism arrived in our diocese. Then at 11.30 am he will celebrate a Requiem for Bishop Nevill. His address will recall little known and remarkable features of the life and ministry of our founder Bishop.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter and Margaret Charles.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Merle Forrest, Daniel Gillies, Mary Robbins, Cyril Tourelle and Margaret Simons.

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**The inviting or not of episcopal spouses to the Lambeth Conference** Archbishop Justin Welby is labouring mightily to make a success of next year's Lambeth Conference in the hope of reducing as much as possible the number of African Provinces boycotting the event. A recent problem has emerged because episcopal spouses are invited as well with welcoming events planned for them as part of the conference. Those Provinces that have opted for gay marriage have begun to incorporate bishops in their episcopal bench who are same sex partnered, most notably Kevin Robertson, an assistant bishop of Toronto, who recently married his boyfriend in a church Service presided over by the bishop of New Westminster and the newly elected bishop of Maine who has been married for some time. Also worthy of mention are Mary Glasspool, an assistant bishop of New York, who is married to her lesbian partner and Nicholas Chamberlain, bishop of Grantham, one of the suffragans of the diocese of Lincoln, who is in a civil union with his partner, gay marriage not being an option in the Church of England. In the hope of keeping the African provinces on board Justin Welby has made it clear that while these bishops are welcome their spouses are not invited. Meanwhile closer to home the Christchurch Press has embarrassed the newly ordained bishop of Christchurch Peter Carrell by pointing out his attendance at the first same sex blessing to take place in the diocese. The Press did not state whom this involved or where it took place but it is likely to have been the union of Jeremy Johnson, the Diocesan Chancellor, with his male partner in the Christ's College Chapel, a shrewd choice of location given that Jeremy is president of the old boy's association and a member of the Tuis, a newly formed support group for gay, bi-sexual and transgender old boys.