



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

28 April 2019

Harvest Festival

Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch eaves
run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel;
To set budding more, and still more, later
flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er brimm'd their clammy
cells.

John Keats (1795-1821)

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

259 Come, ye faithful people come

269 We plough the fields and scatter

264 All things bright and beautiful

285 For the beauty of the earth

413 Now thank we all our God

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Joel 2: 21-24, 26-27](#)

The response to [Psalm 103](#) is

The earth is full of your riches, O Lord

[2 Corinthians 9: 8-11](#)

[Matthew 6: 24-34](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41](#)

[Revelation 5: 11-14](#)

[John 21: 1-14](#)

PARISH NEWS

Harvest Festival We celebrate Harvest Festival today with a special liturgy to mark the occasion at the 10.30 am Service. Thank you to all those who brought produce and helped to decorate the church yesterday

Thursday Eucharist From now until the return of summer the Thursday morning 10.00 am Eucharist will be celebrated in the parish lounge.

Frances Hodgkins Mass The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am.

Rock This month's edition of the Rock is available for collection from the back of the church and in the Link.

New church roster The present roster of liturgical duties for the 10.30 Service comes to an end at the end of May and a new one will shortly be compiled. Please advise Di Bunker of any major holiday plans you have for the rest of the year to assist in the bringing together of the new roster.

Curry night Our next parish curry night at Shree Indian restaurant in Mornington will be on Thursday evening at 6 pm. Please sign the booking notice in the Link. The booking will be made on Tuesday.

Church open The editorial in this month's Rock raises the possibility of St Peter's being open to the public for much of Saturday. The vestry meeting this week will consider whether to use flags or a sandwich board to advertise the open church. David Hoskins and the Vicar potter around the church for much of Saturday morning preparing for Sunday so we are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to give an hour of their time for the afternoon watch. A brief period of training would be given to assist with showing visitors the main features of the church and to be able to give something of its history. If you would be available to volunteer for this please let the vicar know.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Stewart and Gillian Gordon, James Bunker and Fr Craig Moody.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time

Gwendolyn Hiscock, Ian McAllan, Alexander Brown, John Johnston, Mavis Montieth, Eunice Teal and Stacy Carruthers.

An unfashionable view of Anzac day Although very interested in military history this observer has long been puzzled by the fuss New Zealand makes of ANZAC day, a military disaster badly planned and poorly executed with little to be proud of. By contrast the battles of Messines in 1917 and Bapaume in 1918 were triumphs of New Zealand arms showing what could be done when tactical skill and effective leadership came together in lessons learned from bitter experience on the western front. The western front was always the theatre of operations where the outcome of the Great War would be decided. Attempts at finding easy victories at low cost on the peripheries of the conflict, the recurring futile Winston Churchill search for the enemies' soft underbelly in both world wars, were a waste of time and precious human resources. New Zealand's willingness to go along with these fruitless campaigns would not serve it well or reflect much credit on its political leadership. Decades later the Italian campaign of World War 2 would repeat these lessons as a numerically inferior German force with the terrain on its side would tie up larger allied armies and repeatedly blunt their attempts at outflanking initiatives. At war's end the allied armies were still on Italian soil. Perhaps the reason for the growing popularity of Anzac day is the reality that Waitangi day has really not resonated with the generality of the public or become a national unifying symbol. ANZAC day has become that by default. The other reality is that history is now little taught in NZ secondary schools leaving our young people vulnerable to little understood national myths.

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