



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

30 June 2019

Patronal Festival

The collect for St Peter's day

O Almighty God, who by thy Son
Jesus Christ
didst give to thy Apostle Peter many
excellent gifts,
and commandedst him earnestly to
feed thy flock:
Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops
and Pastors
diligently to preach thy holy Word,
and the people obediently to follow
the same,
that they may receive the crown of
everlasting glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

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

338 At the name of Jesus
We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading
471 We love the place O God
208 In our day of thanksgiving
383 Jesu, lover of my soul

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 12: 1-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 34](#) is:

The Lord set me free from all my fears

[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 66: 10-14](#)

[Galatians 6: 14-18](#)

[Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20](#)

PARISH NEWS

Parish patronal festival We celebrate our patron saint St Peter today. The 10.30 Service will begin with a procession around the church. Please free to join in. Fr Hugh will be talking about the circumstances in which the present St Peter's church came to be built in 1882 and the consequences that followed on from that. As is our custom we have a parish lunch together after the 10.30 am Service at the Kensington Tavern by the Oval.

Rock Copies of this month's edition of the Rock are available at the back of the church and in the Link.

Retimetabling of Pukehiki church visit We have had to move the date forward for our proposed Church Service at Pukehiki to 10 August instead of 24 August because of the chef's availability at the Portobello hotel. Many of you have signed up for this popular event. Please check your diaries to ensure that you can make this revised date.

Correction The Memorial Service for Lesley Sinclair last week was at the at the Alexandra Anglican church, not the Presbyterian church as stated in last week's Pebble.

Reflecting on a decade of mission leadership The Revd Steve Maina, Bishop-elect of the Nelson diocese, will be reflecting on the lessons and learnings of his ten years in office at CMS at a meeting at Holy Cross, St Kilda hall this afternoon from 2.30 to 4 pm. All welcome.

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

Euthanasia bill It is dismaying news that the Seymour end of life bill received its second reading in the house this past week, another indication of the extent to which New Zealand society has turned its back on God. Our local MP voted in favour of the bill, something for Christians to bear in mind at the next election. The bill will now face a stormy amendment process due to its inadequate safeguarding provisions and wide ranging life termination allowances. It will be important for Christians to mobilise at the time of the third reading of the bill to let MPs know of their opposition to it.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Alexander Dowell, Charles Booker, Betty Prail, Gardiner Murray, Norman Lanham and John Watson.

Some significant facts about the building of the second St Peter's in 1882 A new Vicar, the Revd William Ronaldson, instituted in 1881, drove the rebuild project. He pointed out that the increasing population of the suburb was located mostly in Parkside so the new church needed to move away from the site of the first St Peter's, a wooden church built in 1864, just above South Road. Bishop Nevill gave three clear warnings that the new church should be built in wood to keep costs down and to give options about future more permanent structures but the building committee ignored these strong suggestions and built in brick, perhaps because there was a brickworks nearby. The building committee fell out with the architect Thomas Hardy and with the building contractor over the lack of sufficient foundations in the west wall and concerns about the tower. They called for a second opinion from Petre, the architect who built St Joseph's Cathedral, who pointed out the west wall was on a lean and that the bell tower was leaning in towards the nave by 6 inches, and who recommended that the parish not build the spire on top of the bell tower that was part of the original design. The issue went to arbitration and the parish was awarded 250 pounds. A hall and Sunday School was erected on site from redundant school buildings moved from Green Island. Several optimistic assumptions about the financing of the project turned out to be unfounded and the parish went in to debt to a considerable extent. This forced the resignation of Ronaldson in 1887.

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