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The Pebble

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From *The Prelude*, Book 1

Dust as we are, the immortal spirit grows
Like harmony in music; there is a dark
Inscrutable workmanship that reconciles
Discordant elements, makes them cling together
In one society. How strange that all
The terrors, pains, and early miseries,
Regrets, vexations, lassitudes interfused
Within my mind, should e'er have borne a part,
And that a needful part, in making up
The calm existence that is mine when I
Am worthy of myself! Praise to the end!
Thanks to the means which Nature deigned to
employ;
Whether her fearless visitings, or those
That came with soft alarm, like hurtless light
Opening the peaceful clouds; or she may use
Severer interventions, ministry
More palpable, as best may suit her aim.

William Wordsworth

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

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading
357 Father, hear the prayer we offer
406 Lord, teach us how to pray aright
361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 18: 20-32](#)

The response to [Psalm 138](#) is:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me

[Colossians 2: 12-14](#)

[Luke 11: 1-13](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11](#)

[Luke 12: 13-21](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata by Louis Vierne

PARISH NEWS

Today Revd Kit is the preacher at this morning's Services with Fr Hugh celebrating at 8 am and Fr Brian being the lead celebrant at 10.30 am.

Matching cars to passengers for Pukehiki visit On the Link noticeboard there is a list of cars available to transport parishioners to Pukehiki church on Saturday 10 August. Please assist by putting your name by an available car ride.

Waverley news A Peninsula parish parishioner meeting last Saturday decided to request that diocesan property commissioners be appointed to investigate the practicalities of and to clear the way for the eventual sale of St Nicholas, Waverley and its hall. They will also be asked to check out the practicalities of the sale of the Nissan hut/hall and land behind St Michael's, Andersons Bay. St Michael's will be the last remaining worship centre in that parish as all the others around the Peninsula have been closed and sold off in recent times.

Rock The next edition of the Rock is available for collection in the Link and at the back of the Church.

Frances Hodgkins Eucharist The monthly celebration of the Anglican Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins will be this Thursday at 11 am.

Next Wardens' meeting The next Wardens' meeting with the Vicar will be on Wednesday 21 August. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you would like raised at that meeting.

Grace McAllan seminar As part of his research into the next chapter of the Parish history that will be entitled *The World of the Laity* Fr Hugh is interested in learning all he can about Grace McAllan. He wishes to convene a gathering of all those who knew her well so he can gather and garner all relevant information about her contribution to parish life. Please let Fr Hugh know if you can help in this way.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Irene Wright, Martha Allen, Marie Brown, Alice Hopkins and Beryl Heazlewood.

Confused Canadian General Synod outcome The General Synod of the Canadian Anglican church met recently with gay marriage in church being the biggest agenda item. Making such a major change in the canons of their church requires a two thirds majority in each house and while that was achieved in the houses of the clergy and the laity it failed to reach that threshold in the house of bishops. Tears and loud lamentations were much in evidence, the usual display of Mediterranean behaviour that one has come to expect as the accompaniment of the defeat of progressive causes. The house of bishops then convened and declared that those dioceses that presently have church gay marriage ceremonies under the permission and blessing of their bishops would be permitted to continue doing so. A very odd result leaving one perceptive Canadian Anglican to comment, "Why bother having a Synod - why bother having a vote?" Another outcome was the election of Canada's first female Archbishop. Thinking ahead to next year's Lambeth Conference Canada will go to that Communion event in the human sexuality bad boys club along with America, Scotland and New Zealand. However, they are unlikely to receive any serious penalties because Lambeth is just what it says it is - a conference, not a Communion Council that makes binding decisions on its members. There will be much earnest debate, opining and wringing of hands but little or nothing will happen as a result.

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