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## The Pebble

4 August 2019

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year C

*Truth and Light* G.B. Caird (1917-1984)

Not far beyond the sea, nor high  
Above the heavens, but very nigh  
thy voice, O God, is heard.  
For each new step of faith we take  
Thou hast more truth and light to break  
forth from thy Holy Word.

Rooted and grounded in thy love,  
With saints on earth and saints above  
we join in in full accord.  
To grasp the breadth, length, depth and height,  
The crucified and risen might  
of Christ, the Incarnate Word.

Help us to press towards that mark,  
And, though our vision now is dark,  
to live by what we see.  
So, when we see thee face to face,  
Thy truth and light our dwelling place  
for evermore shall be.

## 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  
5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading  
381 Jerusalem the golden  
Communion: "Be still my soul" - solo by Arnold Bachop  
392 Lead, kindly light

### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 90](#) is:

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge**

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

[Luke 12: 13-21](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Wisdom 18: 6-9](#)

[Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19](#)

[Luke 12: 32-48](#)

### PARISH NEWS

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

**Tonight's topic** Fr Hugh will be talking about the forgotten churches of the East. Founded mostly by Nestorian Christians there was an extensive network of churches in Persia, in what is now called Iraq and in India. Frequently persecuted they were nonetheless an enduring presence and one that corrects our instinctive focus on Christianity as mostly a western and European reality.

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

**The concert season draws near** On Thursday Fr Hugh met with leaders of the St Kilda brass band for a photo shoot for publicity for the Saturday 7 September concert at St Peter's. The programme has been decided and publicity material for this event will shortly be available. Meanwhile Kemp English has been in touch and it seems highly likely that his deferred organ recital may be able to take place in our church in late November. There will be further information about this in next week's Pebble.

**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** Leah Palmer, Dorothy Lanham and Robert Stephen.

**The long and winding road to a decision about Selwyn** The decision making pathway to a diocesan decision about the future of Selwyn College has now been promulgated. On Saturday 2 November the diocesan Synod will meet in Hui mode to hear back from the review panel about the themes that have emerged in the submissions they have received. The Synod will then discuss and debate the various possibilities for the future of the College. The review panel will then report to the diocesan Council. A one day Synod will take place next year to discuss only the Selwyn issue and to hopefully make a final decision in this matter. What is likely to happen as Synod is repeatedly called back to discuss Selwyn is that attendances will decline, particularly from the peripheries of the diocese where the issue does not loom so large. Interest in the issue will wane as the same arguments are repeated *ad nauseam* from those in entrenched positions in what has become a polarised debate. Those at the top in this diocese seem to have difficulties in making clear and decisive decisions about important issues and hope that a resolution will somehow emerge from long consultative processes thus sparing the diocesan leadership the unpopularity that inevitably accompanies strong decisions. By contrast Waiapu and Christchurch made the decision to sell off their aged care residential homes and exit the aged care business without the need for mass consultations. In this neck of the woods there is a reluctance to face up to the reality that through a process of mission drift some of our ancillary institutions have long since ceased to be what they were created to be. Dunedin clings to the tattered remnants of the past unable to face up to the truth of its situation.

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