



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

17 November 2019

33rd Sunday, Year C

Take Ye Heed, Watch and Pray

Come suddenly, O Lord, or slowly come,
I wait Thy will, Thy servant ready is;
Thou hast prepared Thy follower a home,
The heaven in which Thou dwellest, too, is his.

Come in the morn, at noon, or midnight deep,
Come, for Thy servant still doth watch and pray
E'en when the world around is sunk in sleep,
I wake, and long to see Thy glorious day.

I would not fix the time, the day, nor hour,
When Thou with all Thine angels shalt appear;
When in Thy kingdom Thou shalt come with power,
E'en now, perhaps, the promised day is near!

For though, in slumber deep, the world may lie,
And e'en Thy church forget Thy great command;
Still year by year Thy coming draweth nigh,
And in its power Thy kingdom is at hand.

Lord! Help me that I faint not, weary grow,
Nor at thy coming slumber too, and sleep;
For thou hast promised, and full well I know,
Thou wilt to us Thy word of promise keep.

Jones Very

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 Sung Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

466 Thou whose almighty word
A sung *Alleluia* precedes the gospel reading
468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
238 New every morning is the love
405 Lord of the boundless curves of space

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Malachi 4: 1-2](#)

The response to [Psalm 98](#) is:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

[2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12](#)

[Luke 21: 5-19](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Samuel 5: 1-3](#)

[Colossians 1: 11-20](#)

[Luke 23: 35-43](#)

PARISH NEWS

A Christmas festival of Brass and Carols On Sunday 22
December we will welcome the St Kilda brass band ensemble
as the centrepiece of our Christmas Festival of Brass and
Carols. A lunch will follow in the lounge as our way of saying
thank you to the band. Please plan to bring some finger food to
make this possible.

Fellowship group The Fellowship Group will meet for a Christmas lunch at the Equinox (Forbury Raceway) on Tuesday 26 November at 12 noon – cost approx. \$16. Please let Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 know if you plan attending.

Kemp English organ and violin concert here at St Peter's next Saturday at 2 pm \$10 entrance fee. This will be one of the most outstanding concerts we have hosted. Do please come along.

Vestry news Vestry learnt that an initial investment of \$104,902 bequest money in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund in 2013 had grown through successive increments of parishioner will bequests and further consolidation of small residuary bequests to a total of \$173, 156 invested in the fund. Steady gains on overseas share markets, particularly in the USA, grew this investment to \$275,624 as of last month when the final draw down of units took place. This represents a profit of \$102,468 to the parish as it assembles a fighting fund for earthquake strengthening work. There had been a small draw down of funds from this source last year to assist with the engineering and geotechnical reports. The remaining \$6,330 would now be placed with the other drawn down funds in the Diocesan Trust Board Income Fund which is currently bringing in a 4.75% rate of return. The parish contribution to diocesan running costs would increase next year to \$9,144 per annum. David Hoskins reported on conversation with John Spencer of Spencer's Fibrous Plasterers who believes that the concrete external features of the church could be restored to their original pristine white colour with the use of fibre glass facsimiles. This could be used also as a lightweight replacement for the crenelated fingers that top the bell tower.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Christine Flegg, Mavis Lighton and Anne Bowker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Joan Gwynne, Bill Isaac, William Brown, Eileen Owen, Gary Holden, Jasmine Holden and Donald Prail.

The Third Caversham lecture is this coming Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the parish lounge. Fr James Harding, Professor of Old Testament at the Otago Theology department, discusses two key events in salvation history that are crucial for the faith of both Jews and Christians, the escape of the children of Israel across the Red Sea from pursuit by the army of the Pharaoh of Egypt and the meeting of Moses with God on Mount Sinai in which the Law and the Covenant were given. To what extent are these two crucial events as described in the book Exodus history or legend? St Peter's parishioners who attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night will recall that the Red Sea crossing by Moses and the runaway slaves of Egypt is the lynch pin reading that frames up the later gospel account of the resurrection of Jesus.

Passage of euthanasia bill The third reading of the end of life, assisted suicide, legislation now moves the struggle to next year's election referendum. It will be important for every churchgoing Anglican to do all they can to influence friends and family members to vote against it. The very wording of the bill contains euphemisms for what amounts to exerting pressure on doctors to inject their patients with poison to kill them. Most doctors don't want to be put in this invidious position and hospice doctors are particularly strong in their opposition to becoming the executioners of our society. The overwhelming majority of submissions to the bill opposed it so one is left wondering what the point of parliamentary submissions are.

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