



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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Holy Trinity

Christian Life as an Existence in the Trinity

The Christian disciple is made capable of, and called to pursue, transformation into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). *Because* God has come to dwell in us effectively, we can and must become like Christ, living and acting in imitation of him. In this case the Trinity serves less as an abstract model or principle, and much more as an interpersonal life that we actually participate in, so that we may be changed and may act in a way befitting to God himself. Jesus' demand that 'you must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Matt. 5:48) is a counsel of despair unless there is a 'power at work within us' (Ephesians. 3:20) enabling us to live in imitation of the Father. Marked by a transformed mind (Romans. 12:1) and a love that is willing to go to death (John 15:13), Christian life in the Trinity also entails a share in advancing the kingdom of God through the Gospel in all the various ways that this can occur. Living in the Trinity is not a holiday from the tasks of the kingdom, but is a commission to be co-workers in the reconciling work of the Father through the Son and in the Holy Spirit.

Daniel A. Keating
The Oxford Handbook of the Trinity

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

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

146 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

147 Most ancient of all mysteries

453 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9](#)

Responsorial Canticle from [Daniel 3](#)

Glory and praise to you for ever!

[2 Corinthians 13: 11-13](#)

[John 13: 16-18](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16](#)

[1 Corinthians 10: 16-17](#)

[John 6: 51-59](#)

PARISH NEWS

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Monday to consider what changes can be made to our Services and our social gatherings in the light of the imminently

expected move to level 1. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Rest home situation Usually the Vicar takes a monthly Service at Frances Hodgkins and twice monthly Services at St Barnabas. Given what happened at the Rosewood rest home in Christchurch local rest homes are understandably cautious about reopening to chaplaincy visits. St Barnabas will revisit this issue when the country moves to level 1. Meanwhile, Frances Hodgkin's residents are apparently permitted to attend their church of choice if they wish to.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 26 June at 10.30 am. Your help would be much appreciated.

Anticipating the parish patronal festival We will celebrate our St Peter's patronal festival on Sunday 28 June. As has become the custom in recent years the Vicar will share some of the findings of his recent research into the parish's history. This year's presentation will focus on St Peter's vestries through the ages. The 1881 vestry that authorised the building of the present church included two hotel owners, one of which hotels had been purchased through a substantial win in a lottery, a brewer, a veteran of the Crimean war and the controversial and unpopular mayor of the Caversham district who was assaulted by an enraged constituent.

Next Sunday We will celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.

Karitane visit The lock down prevented the last of our church visits to the church of the heavenly assembly at Karitane. The Vicar has not forgotten this possibility and is tentatively thinking of rescheduling the visit to October.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill and James Bunker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Amy Hore, Rhonda Walker, Hamlin Welsh, Elma Coxon, Winifred Murray and Mary Brown.

General Synod Standing Committee sets virtual General Synod In March this year Covid 19 restrictions across the Pacific caused the Anglican Church to postpone its two-yearly General Synod, which had been scheduled to meet from 9-14 May in Nelson. The General Synod gathers around 130 Anglican clergy, and lay representatives, provincial staff, and members of provincial commissions from around the Pacific, to report on the church's ministry and mission, set directions and priorities for province-wide work and pass church legislation. While each of this church's countries remains in 'response mode' to Covid 19 public health needs, including with borders closed, the General Synod Standing Committee has agreed to schedule a one-day General Synod to address urgent Synod matters in an online forum. The one day virtual General Synod has been set for 9 am-4.30 pm on Saturday 25 July and will include all members of the General Synod connected through a zoom webinar. The virtual meeting will consider the most pressing business including:

Confirming the Church's provincial budget

Electing 3 Tikanga representatives for provincial commissions and boards

Considering a motion on changes to the church's ministry standards canon (the clergy disciplinary measure) in light of the Royal Commission into abuse in institutional care

If time permits, moving ahead on bills introduced at the 2018 General Synod.

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