



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

5 July 2020

14th Sunday, Year A

Shall we praise you, hail hurling God,
in winter's splendour,
in the grace of snow
that covers with brightness
and reshapes both your creation and ours?
Or shall we curse the fierce cold
that punishes homeless people
and shortens tempers?
Blessed are you
in the earth's tilt and course.
Blessed are you in the sleep of winter
and in the oncoming spring.
Now and then and always,
fill these lands with peace.

*A reflection on Psalm 147: 12-20
Martin Connell*

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

238 New every morning is the love

We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

252 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Zechariah 9: 9-10](#)

The response to [Psalm 145](#) is:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

[Romans 8: 9, 11-13](#)

[Matthew 11: 25-30](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

[Romans 8: 18-23](#)

[Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

PARISH NEWS

This evening's reflection theme This evening at Evensong and Benediction Fr Hugh will be reflecting on Callum Brown's influential book "The Death of Christian Britain: Understanding Secularisation 1800-2000." Brown challenges

the influential secularisation theory that argues that Christian churches in the west have been in a process of gradual decline since the late 18th century. Instead he argues that the churches were doing quite well up until the mid-1960s when a process of rapid decline set in due largely to the changed role of women in western society.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Collection From now on collection bags will not be passed around during the Service. Please put your collection envelope in the plate at the back of the church as you leave. Several parishioners have recently made the move to direct debit on line banking as a secure way of making their contribution. Please ring the envelope recorder, whose number is on the back page of the Pebble, for assistance in making this transition.

The exchange of peace We are now allowed to shake hands at the sign of peace.

The common cup We can now receive communion in both kinds. A chalice bearer(s) will stand to the side of the celebrant so that you can receive the precious blood if you so choose.

Intinction the practice of dipping the host in the chalice, is now strictly forbidden as a dangerous virus spreading practice.

Morning teas after the 10.30 am Service will resume this morning. We are looking for new volunteers to join the morning tea roster. Please let Di Bunker know if you are able to help in this way.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Rita-May Brown, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine and Jane Hill.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Beatrice Allen, Arch McQuarrie, Lesley Norris and Darcy Steele.

New episcopal biography Judy Mills, wife of a former Dean and then Bishop of Waiapu, has written a biography of Norman Lessor, Bishop of Waiapu from 1947 to 1971 and for many years Archbishop of New Zealand. It is entitled *Likely Lad: the life of Norman Lessor, Archbishop of New Zealand*. Lessor was notable for the rebuilding of Napier Cathedral in a modern style and for being at the forefront of the long and complex church union negotiations. Born in Liverpool to a humble family he was one of the last of the expatriate bishops with a strong preference being shown by electoral synods thereafter for New Zealand born bishops.

Ladies' Fellowship group The Fellowship group will resume its normal cycle of meetings on Tuesday 25 August.

Parish AGM

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of parishioners of St Peter's Caversham will be held on Sunday 26 July after the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of hearing and receiving the reports of the Vicar and the Wardens, receiving the accounts for the year past, electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, the Synod representatives and the Auditor and discussing any general business.

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