



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

12 July 2020

15th Sunday, Year A

Parables function in a dual manner. For those who have responded positively to Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom, the parables convey further insight and knowledge, while for those who have rejected Jesus and his message, the parables have the effect of only darkening the subject further. Thus belief and commitment lead to further knowledge; unbelief leads to further ignorance... Jesus proclaims that the kingdom has come, yet it has come in a secret or veiled form that does not overwhelm the present order of things. It thus requires faith and commitment to know and experience the kingdom in the strange interim period of the present.

Donald Hagner

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

HYMNS FOR TODAY

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

407 Lord thy word abideth

306 Strengthen for service Lord

251 Sun of my soul thou Saviour dear

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 65](#) is:

Your word, Lord, brings forth life

[Romans 8: 18-23](#)

[Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19](#)

[Romans 8: 26-27](#)

[Matthew 13: 24-43](#)

PARISH NEWS

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.

The common cup We can now receive communion in both kinds. A chalice bearer(s) will stand to the side of the celebrant so 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 have resumed. 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.

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

Optimism or pessimism There is much debate about whether NZ is heading into a major recession or is making a faster than expected economic recovery. The diocesan trust board's investment advisor is in the optimist camp. He believes we have had the recession. The economy and markets went down so fast that they landed at the bottom with a thud and now have nowhere to go but up. The trillions governments have pumped into economies keep interest rates low so bonds and bank deposits are unattractive and there is nowhere to go for investment capital but into shares. Some industries are doing well, particularly in the health care sector, while others that have been hard hit, such as tourism, were due for a major reorganisation and readjustment process anyway. The danger in stock market surge situations is when they bear no relation to the productive capacity and performance of the economy. We are not in that situation, at least not yet.

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, Max Stacey, Catherine Russel and Jane Hill.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Rosanne Carruthers, Joyce Gordon, Ngaere Newall, Len Burt and Margaret Fraser.

London calling St Mellitus College in London is a new form of non-residential training for Anglican ministry that enables students to continue in their day jobs while studying part time. Much of the teaching is done on line. Matthew Percy was given

a liturgy assignment and given the stringent English lockdown could only visit the three churches he chose for his essay subject topic on line. One of them was St Peter's using our posted on line You Tube Services that we filmed during the lock down. He has emailed me with questions about our forms of Service. At the end of his email he wrote, "I would like to encourage you and thank you for the sermon on the 22nd of May. The Authority of Christ! I was *so* blessed by it, and pleasantly surprised to hear such a biblically rooted message! Many messages I have listened to lately have been void of the gospel and the seriousness of our Christian lives in this dark world that they can hardly be called sermons, just opinions and conjectures with little power other than to tickle the ears and smooth over the ego."

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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