



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

26 July 2020

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year A

### The Bright Field

I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl  
of great price, the one field that had  
the treasure in it. I realize now  
that I must give all I have  
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

R.S. Thomas

### 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

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

305 Soul of my Saviour (solo by Arnold Bachop)

249 Round me falls the night

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12](#)

The response to [Psalm 119](#) is:

**Lord, I love your commands**

[Romans 8: 28-30](#)

[Matthew 13: 44-52](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12](#)

[Romans 8: 28-30](#)

[Matthew 13: 44-52](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Parish AGM** Our parish AGM will follow soon after the 10.30 Service in the parish lounge.

**AGM reports available** The financial accounts and many of the reports for our AGM are available at the back of the church for you to uplift so you can arrive at the AGM fully informed.

**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.

**Curry evening** Our curry evenings resume on Thursday 20 August. A booking notice will go up shortly.

**Frances Hodgkins Service** The monthly Frances Hodgkins Service has been rescheduled from its normal first Thursday of the month slot to 20 August as the Vicar will be away that week.

**Rock** The latest edition of the Rock is available at the back of the church.

**Can you take a poster?** David Scouler has created an attractive poster to advertise our St Kilda brass band concert on Saturday 29 August. These are available at the back of the church. Can you take one to put up in a prominent public place to advertise this popular event?

**Furniture shift** Next week the bookcase that holds the hymn books and liturgy pamphlets will be moved in to the church to facilitate their distribution before the start of the 10.30 Service.

**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** Martha Allen, Marie Brown, Alice Hopkins, Beryl Heazlewood and Leah Palmer.

**Ballarat tunes in** Carol Clearwater, a former South Dunedin resident now living in Ballarat, has emailed the Vicar to express her appreciation for the St Peter's on line You Tube Services during the lockdown and for the sermons posted on the website as podcasts. She writes, "What I particularly want to thank people for is this: once Covid hit and lockdown was in place and you realised that others apart from parishioners were accessing your Services, the parish still kept access open. I was struck then by the generous acceptance of invisible strangers, just as much as the provision of ways to foster community." Carol says she prays for the parish every Tuesday. Given the recent appreciation from a young Ordinand in London it would seem that St Peter's has another invisible congregation in cyberspace.

### **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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