



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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18th Sunday, Year A

The point of human living cannot lie outside human living. I mean it cannot lie outside itself in the way that the point of being a machine lies outside itself. Machines exist to amuse and/or be useful to human animals. The point of human living cannot be either to amuse or to be useful to other animals. I think it is true and very, very importantly true that the point of human living lies beyond itself, but not outside itself. This is because I think that in the end the point of human living lies in God, who is beyond us but not outside us. God, unlike the birds or any other creatures, cannot lie outside us because he creates us and sustains us all the time, making us to be and keeping us as ourselves. So to say that the point of our lives is in God is not to point to something outside us but to a greater depth within us.

*Fr Herbert McCabe OP
On Aquinas*

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

368 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

381 Jerusalem the golden

419 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace.

392 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 55: 1-3](#)

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

**You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs**

[Romans 8: 35-39](#)

[Matthew 14: 13-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13](#)

[Romans 9: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 14: 22-33](#)

PARISH NEWS

Vestry The Vestry elected at last Sunday's AGM is David Scoular, David Hoskins, Jenny Maffey, Raylene Ralston, Ken Ferguson, Alex Chisholm and Tubby Hopkins. Our Wardens

continue to be Deirdre Harris and Di Bunker. Our Synod representatives are Alex Chisholm and Peter Belton.

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.

Curry evening Our curry evenings resume on Thursday 20 August. A booking notice has gone up on the Link noticeboard.

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

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 The bookcase that holds the hymn books and liturgy pamphlets has been moved in to the church to facilitate their distribution before the start of the 10.30 Service.

Church entry points at 10.30 The Vicar and Churchwardens discussed this issue as promised at the AGM. Their decision is that parishioners are strongly encouraged to enter the church by the Hillside Rd entrance where the books are given out or by the Baker St pathway entrance. However the Link door will be unlocked but closed for those who wish to enter there.

Vicar on leave Fr Hugh will be on leave in Christchurch from 3 to 15 August. The celebrant and preacher next Sunday will be Fr James Harding.

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 Dorothy Lanham, Robert Stephen, Jan McPhee, William Dawson and Cecil Palmer.

Sheffield Cathedral to retire its choir and start again A furore of criticism has erupted after Sheffield Cathedral in South Yorkshire has decided to disband its choir and restart its choral tradition in a more inclusive way that reflects a rapidly changing city. Attendances at weekday choral Evensongs have become minimal, there has been a high turnover of music directors and there have been allegations of bullying and harassment. Traditional Cathedral choirs have been criticised for being male and elitist with some choirs responding by establishing girl choirs and/or including women in their main choir line up. Maintaining Cathedral choir establishments is an expensive business usually requiring a local Anglican private school that specialises in providing a steady stream of trained boy choristers, a highly paid music director and organist and paid lay clerks, i.e. semi-professional male singers. Fewer and fewer New Zealand Cathedrals can manage all that. Some contemporary minded Deans want more contemporary church music thinking that this will assist with growing their congregations. Ironically quite a few English Cathedrals in the more prestigious cities have good and growing congregations at their choral Services. In a world of flux and change this seems like an essential and undying part of England's traditions. The English Anglican Cathedral choir tradition was an accidental bi-product of the Reformation. The fusion of the Latin musical tradition and the translation of the liturgy and the Scriptures into English produced what we know today. Despite all their best efforts the Puritans failed to eliminate this rich and complex church music tradition.

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