



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

20 September 2020

25th Sunday, Year A

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Be known to everyone for your consideration of others.

The Lord is near; do not be anxious,
but in everything make your requests known to God
in prayer and petition with thanksgiving.

Then the peace of God,
which is beyond all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts
in Christ Jesus.

And now, my friends, all that is true, all that is noble,
all that is just and pure,
all that is loveable and attractive,
whatever is excellent and attractive,
whatever is excellent and admirable –
fill your thoughts with these things.

Philippians 4: 4-8

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

359 Fight the good fight with all thy might

We sing the 3-fold Alleluia before and after the Gospel.

431 O Thou who camest from above

385 Jesu, the very thought of thee

248 O Strength and Stay upholding all creation

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 55: 6-9](#)

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

The Lord is near to all who call on him

[Philippians 1: 20-24, 27](#)

[Matthew 20: 1-16](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

[Philippians 2: 1-11](#)

[Matthew 21: 28-32](#)

PARISH NEWS

Fellowship group will meet for lunch on Tuesday 22 September 12.15 at Equinox Forbury Park. Please let Raylene or Gay know if you will be attending.

Progress report on parish history For some time now the focus of research and writing has been on *The World of the Laity*. At the request of the academic supervisor this large theme has been divided up into 5 topics handled under three chapters. They are entitled *Children and Young People, Lay Leadership and the Contribution of Women* and *Parish Organisations and Conviction Anglo-Catholicism*. These chapters have now been handed in to the academic supervisor for assessment and suggested changes and improvements. The next chapter will cover the period from 1945 to 2000.

Curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday. Please sign the booking notice at the back of the church on the hymn book bookcase.

Parish working bee There will be a spring clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday 3 October.

Karitane church visit The rescheduled date for our church visit to the Karitane church is Wednesday 18 November. We will have a Service there at 11 am followed by lunch at our usual Port Chalmers venue.

South Dunedin Future Update South Dunedin update is a joint programme of the DCC and ORC to respond effectively to climate change challenges facing South Dunedin. The next drop in session will be at the South Dunedin Community Pop-Up, 199 Hillside Rd from 12 noon to 3.30 pm on Thursday 15 October. The topic will be "What Lies Beneath: South Dunedin's pipes and groundwater."

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Eileen Pratt, Max Stacey, Lorraine Mitchell, Michael Forrest, Fr Michael Moorhead and Greta Barton.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Edward Cottle, Bette Elliot, Minnie Mumford, Betty Prail and Steven Taylor.

Synod news The diocesan Synod met last Saturday in virtual mode by zoom. It confined itself to essential business such as electing the diocesan council, the diocesan nominators and passing the annual budget. The diocesan accountant warned of some challenging developments that lay ahead for parishes. National auditing requirements are now being tightened so that the relatively informal measures that some parishes use to audit the annual accounts that are brought to their AGM's will no longer suffice. In future they may well have to turn to professional accounting firms to carry out this function. The insurance industry will shortly require parishes to have their buildings professionally revalued. The diocesan council is setting some money aside to assist those parishes that will struggle to pay the cost of such a valuation. The end result of the revaluations is that insurance premiums on church buildings are sure to rise. Some parishes are dependent on the quarterly payments they receive from the diocesan trust board income fund in which their bequests are invested. At present these are paying out at 3.5% but this rate is sure to decline. The diocesan Synod will reconvene on Saturday 14 November to consider the possible sale of Selwyn College to the university. The Vicar will be moving the sell motion.

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