



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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26th Sunday, Year A

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ,
if his love has made any difference in your life,
if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you,
if you have a heart, if you *care* – then do me a favour:
Agree with each other, love each other,
be deep-spirited friends.
Don't push your way to the front;
don't sweet talk your way to the top.
Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead.
Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage.
Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand.

Philippians 2: 1-4

The Message: The Bible in contemporary language
Eugene H. Peterson

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

374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

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

484 The Church's one foundation

445 Rock of Ages

383 Jesu, lover of my soul

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

The response to [Psalm 25](#) is:

Remember your mercies, O Lord

[Philippians 2: 1-11](#)

[Matthew 21: 28-32](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 5: 1-7](#)

[Philippians 4: 6-9](#)

[Matthew 21: 33-43](#)

PARISH NEWS

Morning teas resume The return to level 1 means that morning tea after the 10.30 am Service can resume from this Sunday.

Worship directions We can now receive communion in both kinds. The practice of intinction of the host into the chalice

remains strictly forbidden. The altar rails can now be used for those who wish to kneel to receive communion although standing to receive communion is recommended. Non-contact forms of exchanging the peace remain the norm.

Rest home Services The return to level 1 normality also means that the St Barnabas Service scheduled for Tuesday at 11 am will take place as will the Thursday Eucharist at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am.

Rock The new edition of the Rock is available at the back of the church.

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

Meet the candidates There will be an opportunity this evening to meet the candidates standing in the Taieri seat at this year's general election. This event will take place at the Caversham Baptist church – corner of Surrey St and South Rd. starting at 7 pm with a meet and greet, tea and coffee. The meeting will conclude at 8.30 pm.

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.

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 Susan Snell, Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth Blackledge, Andrew Stier, Janey Ross, Helen Elliot and William Lanham.

Good news from the band Negotiations have resumed with the St Kilda brass band. While it will not be possible to have a Saturday afternoon concert this year as originally planned the band is keen to return to us for the Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols, the very popular Service inaugurated here at St Peter's last year, on Sunday 20 December.

Planned English monument to tell story of a million answered prayers A new monument to prayer may soon appear in the middle of England, after planning permission has been granted for the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer outside Birmingham. The 196 foot monument is planned for a major transit zone near England's second largest city and will be able to be seen from six miles away. An estimated 500,000 commuters will see it each week. Building work is planned to start in the spring of 2021 with the wall being completed in late 2022. The wall will be constructed with 1 million bricks, each representing an answered prayer. Visitors will be able to download an app that will be able to "unlock" each brick to give the story of an answered prayer. They will also be able to search for prayers involving specific situations or particular topics. The organiser notes that the project could translate into an over \$10 million boost to the local economy, and based on the example of the Angel of the North, it might result in nearly \$650 million in long term economic benefit. In addition, any excess income will fund social housing for the region.

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