



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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27th Sunday, Year A

A Prayer at Election Time

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society. Give us wisdom to play our part at election time, that, through the exercise of each vote, your Kingdom may come closer. Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism, guard us against the idols of false utopias and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all.

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

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion solo Arnold Bachop "Soul of my Saviour"

346 City of God, how broad and far

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 5: 1-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 80](#) is:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

[Philippians 4: 6-9](#)

[Matthew 21: 33-43](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 25: 6-10](#)

[Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20](#)

[Matthew 22: 1-14](#)

PARISH NEWS

Morning teas resume The return to level 1 means that morning tea after the 10.30 am Service has resumed.

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.

Greetings from the Solomons The Hicks, the missionary family we support, write “We are so grateful for your prayers, support, care and love for our family. Thank you for being a part of our support team and making our work here in the Solomon Islands possible. God is at work in our seminary, breaking down barriers and drawing people more closely into his presence. The kids are all thriving and are now on our “summer” holiday before starting the next school year in September. Jon is continuing to teach 4 classes a semester and overseeing a sanitation block and student house project. Tess has completed 3 courses towards her Master’s Degree in Biblical counselling and loves it.”

Parish working bee Thank you to all those who helped with yesterday’s working bee around the church grounds.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time David Steele, Stanley Wright, Elvira Steel, Nyra Phillips, Shona Thomas, Lynette Welch and Jean Errington.

Slow and costly Cathedral rebuild The recent 23 September ODT story entitled “Eight years to restore cathedral” confirmed what some have suspected for a while about the Christchurch Cathedral rebuild in terms of cost blowout and time overruns. A significant factor in persuading the

Christchurch diocesan synod to narrowly vote in favour of the rebuild was the government offer of a \$10 million cash contribution and a \$15 million loan, together with the city council pledging a \$10 million grant. Much had been made of the offers of wealthy donors to fund raise for the project and it was assumed that with the insurance money added in the 2017 estimate of \$104 million was an achievable financial target. Now with preliminary work underway it has become clear that it will cost more with a revised estimate becoming available sometime this month. Since the council and the government are unlikely in the post covid environment to come up with more cash the slack will have to be taken up by wealthy donors. The diocese is financially struggling since the mass breakaway of conservative evangelical parishes to form the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans diocese. Given the intricate artisan work required to put humpty dumpty back together again it is now estimated at will take at least 8 years to complete the work and that is probably a conservative estimate. Meanwhile, just 3 blocks away on the banks of the Avon River, the Catholic diocese will build its contemporary design cathedral in far less time and at a fraction of the cost without civic or government handouts. If it turns out to be a beautiful building it may well attract mass tourism visits and their souvenir and donation income; cash that is sorely missed by the staff of the transitional cathedral.

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