



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

11 October 2020

28th Sunday, Year A

A Prayer at Election Time

Direct the minds and wills, O God, of the people of this country at the present time; that men and women of integrity and ability, strong, upright and compassionate, may be chosen to represent us in Parliament; and give to us, now and always, the blessings of a wise and just government, to lead our nation in the ways of freedom and peace; through Jesus our Lord.

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

377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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

148 The God of Abraham praise (omit starred verses)

276 Bread of heaven (2nd tune)

252 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 25: 6-10](#)

The response to [Psalm 23](#) is:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

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

[Matthew 22: 1-14](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 22: 15-21](#)

PARISH NEWS

Celebration brunch A brunch will follow next Sunday morning's 10.30 Service when we will celebrate Eileen Pratt's 100th birthday.

Curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday 22 October.

Fellowship lunch The next St Peter's fellowship lunch will be at Rope and Twine on Tuesday 27 October at 12.15 pm. Please

let Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 know if you intend coming.

The fate of St Michael's Clyde News in the ODT this past week that St Michael's Clyde is to be sold on the open market in January brings to an end a struggle between the Dunstan Parish and the St Michael's charitable trust. It is a story with Caversham ramifications. The ashes of the Revd Stan Hurd, an Ordinand of this parish and twice Vicar of the Dunstan, are buried in the St Michael's columbarium as are the ashes of his son the Revd Michael Hurd, a former Vicar of St Michael's, Andersons Bay and then a popular Dean of Nelson Cathedral. Stan's father, the patriarchal Hurd, arrived in South Dunedin in the 19th century as a builder from the West Country. He built the Caversham Vicarage in 1913, his last building project. His son Harry was killed in the Great War and is memorialised by a brass plaque near the organ. The Hurds have been active in the St Michael's charitable trust hoping to purchase the building for community and occasional worship purposes. They will now need to relocate their ancestral ashes elsewhere. The present Vicar of Dunstan, the Revd Penny Sinnamon, has delayed her retirement several times until monies become available, as it is hoped from the sale, to enable the employment of a full time Vicar with appropriate accommodation made available.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Bruce Robbins, Grace Hughes, Helen Larkins, Robert Welsh, Vene Peterson, Ruth Fennigan, Murray Welsh and Shirley Buxton.

End of Life law fails safety check The Anglican Bishops have joined 25 more of New Zealand's most prominent religious leaders, including Cardinal John Dew and the NZ Islamic Association's President Dr Mustafa Farouk, to ask New Zealanders to vote No to the End of Life Choice Act. The leaders' letter focuses on the risks and dangers associated with the Act and critiques the Act's lack of key safeguards that are present in overseas laws, including: no mandatory stand-down period – under the Act a person could be dead less than four days after diagnosis; - weak processes for detecting if people feel pressured; -poor safeguards for loved ones – the Act does not require a patient to discuss their decision with a family member or other significant person. Bishop of Dunedin Dr Steven Benford has signed as both a religious leader and a medical specialist who has worked in end of life care. Bishop Steven thinks too often people argue for euthanasia based on stories of bad practice – when a family has had to suffer their loved one dying in pain. “Most deaths are peaceful. Medicine and society have the capability to offer a peaceful death to everyone – without the dangers added by this law.” Religious leaders are also concerned about the lack of the following safeguards – character checking: neither of the 2 doctors that sign off on a person's death needs to have known the person before – there is no need in the Act for a second witness to the death – in the Act, a person can choose death without the need to improve conditions for the patient before approving their decision to die – the Act does not require robust background checks to establish no one has pushed the person to choose to die. “Even those who favour some form of assisted death have many reasons to Vote NO to this Act. We are simply adding our concerns about how the Act will operate in practice to the expressed concerns of many other New Zealanders.”