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The Pebble

22 November 2020

Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:
Mercifully grant, that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

443 Rejoice the Lord is king

We sing a threefold Alleluia before the gospel reading

332 All hail the power of Jesu's name

295 Let all mortal flesh keep silent

500 Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

The response to Psalm 23 is:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Matthew 25: 31-46

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19, 64: 2-7

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 33-37

PARISH NEWS

Bonanza refund Through a process of careful research, thorough investigation and dogged persistence our Treasurer Danielle Harrison has obtained a refund of \$2,108.76 from the DCC who, as well as charging the parish residential water rates for the Cottage, since 2002 have included the use in the hall's

metered water charge because of an incorrectly installed water metre on our property. Well done Danielle!

<u>Karitane visit</u> 20 St Peter's parishioners and 3 East Otago parishioners gathered at "The Church of the heavenly assembly" Karitane on Wednesday for a Eucharist on the feast of St Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, and the Vicar's Patron Saint. There was a stunning view of the beach and the ocean from that hilltop site. They then drove to Port Chalmers for lunch. Tentative plans are forming for a similar visit to St Andrew's, Maheno early in the New Year.

<u>Curry evening</u> Our next curry evening will be on Thursday 3 December. The booking notice for the curry evening is up on the Link noticeboard.

Christmas evening Service moves to an earlier time Our main Christmas Service that takes place on Christmas Eve will move forward to 8 pm from last year's start time of 10.30 pm. This is the start time of the Easter Vigil Service and experience has shown that this is a more accessible time for parishioners. This candlelit Service is followed by a Christmas meal of good food and wine in the parish lounge.

<u>Next Wardens' meeting</u> The Wardens will meet with the Vicar on Wednesday. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker if there are any matters you want raised at that meeting.

<u>CSN gathering</u> Local Companions and Friends of the Sisters of the Community of the Sacred Name will meet on Saturday 5 December at Holy Cross, 17 Ajax St, St Kilda for an 11 am Eucharist followed by a shared lunch and meeting.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Lorraine Mitchell and Greta Barton.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Ruby and Colin Trim, Keith Littler, Dulcie Sutherland, Brent Henderson, Vera McLeod and Dorrie Molloy.

Selwyn Synod Synod reconvened last Saturday to consider whether to sell or retain Selwyn College. A considerable propaganda barrage to retain ownership of the College preceded and inaugurated the Synod. Ann Stevens, the board chair, had an article in the ODT two days before declaring the board's opposition to the sale. On the morning of Synod Archbishop Emeritus David Moxon, who had presided over the Consultation Panel, outlined at some length why the panel was in favour of retention. This was followed by Ann Stevens who spoke for at least half an hour on the same theme and then by the College Warden who spoke at even greater length pursuing the same agenda. The overall message was that there had been a complete turnaround in student behaviour over the past two years and that, in the words of the Rolling Stones, "It's all right now – in fact it's a gas." Thus by the time the Vicar rose to move the sell motion after lunch there had been a considerable salting of the battlefield and the 10 minutes speaking time allotted to him was insufficient to deal with the issues at hand. Well organised pile on tactics were then employed by retentionist speakers, most of them board members, so that the final result as not in doubt. Afterwards the Revd Penny Sinnamon, the vicar of Dunstan, said to the Vicar "I predict that we will be back here again in 4 or 5 years' time to debate the same issue." David Moxon said to the Vicar "The board knows it is on notice now – if they don't improve the situation at Selwyn or if something goes majorly wrong it will be sheeted back to them."

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