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The Pebble

7 February 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, joy of the hearts that love you, strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may gladly serve you, now and always.

> *A prayer of St Augustine 354-430 Our final hymn at the 10.30 Service is modelled on this prayer*

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 Eucharist5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

323 Father of mercy, God of consolation
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading
461 There's a wideness in God's mercy
305 Soul of my Saviour
400 Light of the minds that know him

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 The response to Psalm 147 us: **Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted** 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mark 1: 29-39

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1 Mark 1: 40-45

PARISH NEWS

<u>Wardens' meeting</u> The Vicar will meet with the Wardens tomorrow, Monday. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

<u>The flag is up</u> After a prolonged absence due to unsettled and windy weather the flag is up. All of our damaged flags have recently been repaired by Adams Flags free of charge.

<u>**Palm crosses requested**</u> Ash Wednesday is just a week and a half away now. Please let the Vicar have any Palm Crosses you have to hand.

Single bed available As part of his pre-move clear out Fr Hugh is offering a single bed with headboard painted white with accompanying bed linen for free. This can be viewed at a mutually convenient time.

Fellowship group The St Peter's fellowship Group will meet at 12.15 pm for lunch in Equinox on Tuesday 23 February. Please phone Raylene on 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 if you intend coming.

<u>Cheques being phased out</u> Please be aware that cheques will not be accepted by any bank after 31 May. Parishioners who are including cheques in their envelope giving will need to find a different way of making their regular donations to the parish by May. We recommend direct giving by means of internet banking. There is some helpful advice on our website – see the link on the home page.

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

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Peta Devine and Jun Miyagi.

Parish Contacts.

Parish Priest: Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961 Assistant Priest: Fr Kit Bunker - 477-2474 Vicar's Warden: Deirdre Harris – 455-0071 People's Warden and envelope recorder: Di Bunker – 477-2474 Director of Music: David Hoskins - 453-4621 Parking issues outside St Peter's Church Of late informal advertisers have taken to placing trailers advertising their firms' services or cars being advertised for private sales outside our church often leaving them there for long periods of time. The downside for us is that these vehicles or trailers can restrict the amount of parking available outside the church for parishioners on Sunday and can make St Peter's look like a car yard. So far it has been possible for the Vicar to persuade these informal advertisers to move on after a friendly phone conversation but such ready cooperation cannot be assured in every future instance and of course there won't be a resident Vicar on site to exercise such vigilance during the interregnum. Gillions grew tired of these informal advertisers in their immediate vicinity particularly as they often made it difficult for mourners to get a car park when attending funeral Services at their funeral chapel. They applied to the DCC for parking restrictions in the Bathgate Park vicinity and eventually P240 signs went up neatly solving the problem. However what was crucial in obtaining the DCC's cooperation was publicity via an ODT story and further complaints about the parking situation from a resident across the street in that section of Hillside road. Obtaining such allied neighbourly cooperation might be more difficult in St Peter's case and day time parkers such as staff at Radius Fulton and Gina at Poppy's Café might be less than thrilled at P240 signs restricting their convenient parking. However this issue won't go away and the Vestry will need to keep its thinking caps on about how to resolve it or live with those who use the parks in our vicinity for free advertising.