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The Pebble

Sunday July 10, 2022

Ordinary 15



Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

(Collect from A New Zealand Prayer Book.)

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

232 Awake, my soul

We sing the Alleluia at the Gospel procession.

273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

236 Father, as I wake I turn to you

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

READINGS FOR TODAY

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

<u>Psalm 69</u>. *Response:* Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live

<u>Colossians 1: 15-20</u>

Luke 10: 25-37

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK.

Genesis 18:1-10

<u>Psalm15</u>. *Response:* The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

Parish News

Morning Prayer Wednesday at 9am in the Lady Chapel.

<u>Mid-week Eucharist</u> The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Thursday at 10am in the Parish Lounge.

<u>The Rock</u> The new edition of our parish magazine is available at the back of church and in the Link.

<u>Rosters</u> Copies of new rosters and phone lists are at the back of church.

<u>Vestry</u> meets this Friday at 12.30pm. If you would like an item discussed at the meeting, please let Wardens Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker know by Thursday.

<u>The Fellowship Group</u> will meet for a Mid-Winter Lunch in the Casino at 12.15 pm on Tuesday July 26. Please let Raylene know (455-2389) if you intend to come along. For the booking, Raylene needs to know by Friday July 22.

<u>Food Bank Basket</u> Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Rosemary Stott, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Greta Barton, and Jim Menzies

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Darcy Steele, Rosanne Carruthers, Joyce Gordon, Ngaere Newell, Len Burt, Margaret Fraser and Beatrice Beattie.

From the Vicar...

I meet with some clergy this week and the topic of conversation was around the future of some of our older churches. We have inherited old buildings which need a lot of attention and repair, Sunday church isn't the social gathering it used to be and many members of society are suspicious of organised faith and religion.

I believe that ultimately God is in control and we need to lean into that faith and not worry about the future of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Earlier this week, I made some decisions that proved rash. I didn't ask what was required and assumed that I understood what was needed. I should have asked first, and then respected that person's decision. The outcome was difficult to accept but I pray I am less likely to organise someone else's life. Likewise, we tend to forget to ask God first, and work on our own understanding. We believe that God needs us, but it's the other way around.

Big financial decisions will be made soon in regards to upkeep and repairs to St Peter's and the Vicarage. Please pray what we are all listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and are of one accord.

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