



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday July 16, 2023

Ordinary 15

### *The Collect.*



Almighty and eternal God,  
it is your will to bring the whole creation  
into unity in Christ;  
grant that your Church may faithfully  
proclaim the good news  
until all people are saved  
and the earth is full of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

## WELCOME

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

### 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

395 Let bells peal forth

*We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*

407 Lord, thy word abideth

414 O for a closer walk with God

427 O praise ye the Lord!

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 55: 10-11](#)

[Psalm 65](#) *Response:* Your word, O Lord, brings forth light.

[Romans 8: 18-23](#)

[Matthew 13: 1-23](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19](#)

[Psalm 86](#)

[Romans 8: 26-27](#)

[Matthew 13: 24-43](#)

### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**Wednesday 9 am** : Morning Prayer in the Lady\_Chapel.

**Thursday 10 am** Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

## *Parish News*



### **Taize Chant to conclude the Intercessions.**

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer,  
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer,  
Come and listen to me. (x2)

**Healing Ministry** Prayer for Healing is offered to all in the Lady Chapel during communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

**The Fellowship Group** will meet in the Parish Lounge on Tuesday July 25 at 2pm. The speaker will be our Curate, Rev Joel Stutter, and he will address 'Gadgets to God'. Please phone Raylene if you intend coming along.

**The Rock** The Parish magazine, the Rock, is available today at the back of church and in the Link

**Bishop's Companions Programme** meets on Wednesday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30 am.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Jim Menzies, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, and Harry Brown.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** Beatrice Beattie, Evelyn Ward, Dorothy Dickie, Arthur Hughes, and June Wright.

## *From the Vicar.*

I harvested my first ever cauliflower yesterday. It wasn't big but it was perfectly formed. I'm surprised it did so well considering the conditions. I have had to place wire mesh between the vegetables and herbs, and fence to stop Zac from walking on them (I have plenty of parsley if anyone would like some) I fed the soil and have been pulling out weeds but don't believe it's getting enough sunshine. It's taking me awhile to get used to the seasons in NZ. Next time I'll put them where they will get more sunshine. Jesus told the parable of the sower to encourage people to think. Nothing grows without an input of energy. Our lives of faith will not grow unless we read, pray, talk about and meditate on the Gospel message. While one's faith is a personal journey, one's actions will reflect how mature and fruitful one is. Are there barren patches in your life that are stunting your faith? Are there weeds that distract and hamper your growth? When was the last time you thanked God for the abundance He provides? How you choose to grow has an impact on the people around you and the kingdom of God. May each one of us continue to grow in faith and bear much fruit to His glory.

## *Parish Directory*

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