



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday July 30, 2023

Ordinary 17

### *The Collect.*



God of mercy,  
fount of all wisdom, crown of all  
knowledge;  
give us eyes to see  
and minds to understand your  
marvellous works,  
that we may know you through your  
handiwork  
and use your creations to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 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

### HYMNS FOR TODAY:

476 Ye servants of God  
*We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel*  
482 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (t.113)  
358 Father of heaven (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)  
416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

### READINGS FOR TODAY

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119 *Response:* Lord, I love your commands

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 97 *Response:* The Lord is king, the most high over all  
the earth.

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Matthew 17: 1-9

### 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 Rock** Copies of the latest edition of the Parish magazine, the Rock, are available today at the back of church and 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**

Jan McPhee, Cecil Palmer, and Alan Gale.

### *From the Vicar.*

I've been walking around the church grounds weeding and raking, and taking delight in the camellias and hellebores that are providing colour. My toes and hands got decidedly cold, so I'm now sitting with my back to the afternoon sun which is streaming through our dining room windows and warming the room. The sunlight has taken 8 minutes and 20 seconds to travel 151.9 million kilometres to reach me and yet does not harm me. It is the very stuff that helps sustain life. It's strange to think that heat is a vibration, just like music but at the other end of the spectrum.

The sensory part of us is finely tuned, however we cannot see infrared or ultra violet light but they still affect us. Often we are witness to God's mercy and yet don't perceive the full extent of His marvellous works. It is only through truly opening ourselves to the possibilities that we begin to understand the Creator's glory. When you feel the sunshine on your skin or stare up at the stars or drink a glass of water, consider how such things, though commonplace, proclaim the wonderment of God's handiwork.

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