



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

17 September 2017 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Glance

When first thy sweet and gracious eye
Vouchsafed even in the midst of youth and night
To look upon me, who before did lie

Weltering in sin;

I felt a sugared strange delight,
Passing all cordials made by any art,
Bedew, embalm, and overrun my heart,
And take it in.

Since that time many a bitter storm
My soul hath felt, even able to destroy,
Had the malicious and ill-meaning harm
His swing and sway:
But still thy sweet original joy,
Sprung from thine eye, did work within my soul,
And surging grief's, when they grew bold, control,
And got the day.

If thy first glance so powerful be,
A mirth but opened and sealed up again;
What wonders shall we feel, when we see
Thy full eyed love!
When thou shalt look us out of pain,
And one aspect of thine spend in delight
More than a thousand suns disburse in light,
In heaven above.

George Herbert

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered
in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone
is warmly invited to Morning Tea after the Solemn
Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

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

HYMNS:

439 Praise to the holiest in the height
461 There's a wideness in God's mercy
297 Lord Jesus Christ
365 God moves in a mysterious way

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Sirach 27: 30-28: 7](#)

The response to [Psalm 103](#) is:

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger, and rich in compassion**

[Romans 14: 7-9](#)

[Matthew 18: 21-35](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 55: 6-9](#)

[Philippians 1: 20-24, 27](#)

[Matthew 20: 1-16](#)

PARISH NEWS

Bishop's ordination The Bishop elect will be ordained in the Cathedral on Friday evening in a Service that begins at 7.30 pm. Parishioners are strongly encourage to attend.

Midweek Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 22 September at 10.30 am in anticipation of the big weekend

hosting the Bishop as celebrant and preacher. All helpers welcome.

High tea afternoon Fellowship is on Tuesday 26 September 2 pm at Raylene's home 172A Oxford St. Wear a hat if you want to join the fun! See you there!

Tell out the good news

It would be very much appreciated if parishioners could reach out to the wider circle of the parish family to let them know about our big Service on Sunday 24 September at which the newly ordained Bishop Steve Benford will celebrate and preach at the 10.30 am Parish Eucharist. Word of mouth will be the best way of ensuring the best possible attendance at this highlight of the parish year.

Daylight saving change While making your preparations to be with us for the Bishop's visit you need to be aware that clocks go forward at 2 am on Sunday 24 September. Don't be caught out by the time change.

8 o'clock Service cancelled In order to gather all the parish family together to meet the Bishop when he comes to us on the 24th the Vicar and the Wardens have decided to cancel the 8 o'clock Service that day.

Synod help requested Please let Kate Paterson know if you can help with the morning and afternoon teas at Synod in our hall on Saturday 23 September.

Parish garage sale Our next garage sale will be on Saturday 4 November. Please start setting aside items for this.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier and Jonathan Gillies.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Edward Cottle, Bette Elliot, Minie Mumford, Betty Praill, Steven Taylor, and Susan Snell.

Christchurch Cathedral decision Last weekend's Christchurch diocesan Synod decision was achieved by a narrow majority with the Synod reluctantly forgoing its original decision to build a modern, safe, and inspiring fit for purpose Cathedral. What swayed Synod members in the end was the increased cash offer from the government and a desire to repair the relationship with the city after the 7 year polarising debate. However, some hard bargaining will now ensue over the details of the rebuild. The Church Property Trustees and the Cathedral leadership would like to see some flexibility over three features of the restored Cathedral, a more open and welcoming entrance way as opposed to the small house like structure that formerly enclosed the main western entrance, a reduction in the size of the large stone pillars that reduced the sight lines to the sanctuary and the altar and a desire for a level floor throughout the Cathedral. The restorationists have made much of their ability to fund raise large sums from generous philanthropic donors. Their credibility is now on the line as they seek to prove what they promised. The insurance bill for the restored Cathedral is estimated to be \$360,000 a year. It is a stipulation of the fund raising that a sufficient sum be set aside for its investment income to meet the bill. Thus much remains to be done to work through these details and to raise the sums involved. However the diocese of Christchurch will no doubt heave a sigh of relief that it can now get on to other and more pressing priorities in its life.

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