



St Peter's Caversham

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## The Pebble

1 July 2018

Patronal Festival

### Saint Peter and the Angel

Delivered out of raw continual pain,  
smell of darkness, groans of those others  
to whom he was chained -

unchained and led  
past the sleepers,  
door after door silently opening -  
out!

And along a long street's  
majestic emptiness under the moon:

one hand on the angel's shoulder, one  
feeling the air before him,  
eyes open but fixed...

And not till he saw the angel had left him,  
alone and free to resume  
the ecstatic, dangerous, wearisome roads of  
what he still had to do,  
not till then did he recognise  
this was no dream. More frightening  
than arrest, than being chained to his warders:  
he could hear his own footsteps suddenly.

Had the angels feet

*Denise Levertov*

## Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.  
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at  
the communion rail 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

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

### HYMNS

197 For all the Saints

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

471 We love the place O God

Communion motet by Agnes Beamish and her accompanists

413 Now thank we all our God

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 12: 1-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 34](#) is:

**The Lord set me free from all my fears**

[2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-19](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 2: 2-5](#)

[2 Corinthians 12: 7-10](#)

[Mark 6: 1-6](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Procession** As part of our Patronal festival celebration we begin our 10.30 am Service with a procession around the church. Please feel free to join in. The Vicar will reflect on an aspect of the parish's history in today's sermon slot.

**Patronal festival lunch** The Parish Patronal Luncheon will follow the 10.30 am Service today. Those who have booked and require transport to the Kensington Tavern please let others know.

**Evensong and Benediction** this evening at 5 pm followed by a social time and refreshments in the lounge. The reflection will be drawn from a wise recent *Church Times* article entitled "Why people don't come to a worldly church," by Mark Vernon in which the by line is that seekers are looking for spiritual depth and inner transformation - not anxiety and manic overwork.

**Frances Hodgkins Eucharist** The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am in the Garden Lounge.

**Rock** This month's edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

**Don't forget the missing weeks** Been away from St Peter's a few weeks while on holiday? Don't forget to include the missing weeks in your envelope offering. We depend on your regular and generous giving for our week by week operations. If you are new to St Peter's please consider joining our envelope scheme. In this way your regular giving becomes entitled to an annual tax rebate.

**Parish telephone list** There have been several parishioner requests for a parish telephone list made available only to regular St Peter's parishioners. This will be compiled shortly. Please let the Vicar know if you do not want your phone number or e mail address to be included in this.

**Communion motet** Today's communion motet is a Hebrew version of words from Philippians "In order to know him and the power of his resurrection I forget that which is behind me and press forward to what is before. I run, run, run towards the goal in order to obtain the prize, of the high calling, the calling of God which is in the Messiah Yeshua."

**Wardens' meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 11 July so there is plenty of time to let the Wardens know of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnston, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia Napier, Paul Hill, and John Steele.

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Doris Littler, Beatrice Allen.

**Some rescheduling required** Hall bookings and lecturer availability have required some rescheduling of this year's Caversham lectures. They will now be on Tuesday evenings in this sequence:

**Revd Toby Behan**, recently ordained Priest in the Christchurch diocese and former dancer with and choreographer of the New Zealand Ballet Company, "The faith of a ballet dancer" 13 Nov

**Professor John Reynolds**, Otago University Brain Health Research Centre, "Teaching an old brain new tricks" 20 Nov

**Bishop Steven Benford**, "The faith of a Bishop" 27 November.

**Dr Margo Barton** who teaches fashion at the Otago Polytechnic, "The ID International Emerging Designers Award" 4 December

**Flinging down the gauntlet** The GAFCON conference has concluded in Jerusalem with a communique which is fighting talk. It speaks of its task as reordering the Anglican Communion and denounces critics who describe it as a one issue pressure group that is promoting schism. It calls on the Archbishop of Canterbury to invite the bishops of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) and the Province of the Anglican Church in Brazil to the 2020 Lambeth Conference while not inviting the bishops of the Provinces which have endorsed by word or deed sexual practices which are in contradiction to Scripture and resolution 1.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference unless they repent of their actions and reverse their decisions. The GAFCON bishops will stay way unless the Archbishop of Canterbury accedes to their requests. This of course Justin Welby will not do so now the battle lines are drawn.

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