



St Peter's Caversham

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## The Pebble

8 July 2018

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B

### Logos

Why wonder about the loaves and the fishes?  
If you say the right words, the wine expands.  
If you say them with love  
and the felt ferocity of that love  
and the felt necessity of that love,  
the fish explodes into many.  
Imagine him, speaking,  
and don't worry about what is reality,  
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.  
If you were there, it was all those things.  
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.  
Eat, drink, be happy.  
Accept the miracle.  
Accept, too, each spoken word  
spoken with love.

*Mary Oliver*

## 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

#### HYMNS

238 New every morning is the love

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

239 Lord of all hopefulness

305 Soul of my saviour

252 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Ezekiel 2: 2-5](#)

The response to [Psalm 123](#) is:

**Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy**

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

[Mark 6: 1-6](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Amos 7: 12-15](#)

[Ephesians 1: 3-14](#)

[Mark 6: 7-13](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Potluck lunch** As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a potluck lunch will follow the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

**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.

**Brass band concert items** The programme for the St Kilda brass band concert here at St Peters on Saturday 8 September is taking shape. Items so far agreed are *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copeland, *Clair de Lune* by Debussy, *James Bond Collection* arranged by Jerry Goldsmith, *Concerto de Aranjuez* by Rodrigo, *Liberty Bell March* by Sousa, *Nimrod and Finale* by Elgar, *Trumpet Concerto* by Henry James, *Stranger on the Shore*. We might say a prayer for Director Shane Foster and the band as they prepare for the national championships at the end of this month at which they compete to keep their pre-eminent position amongst New Zealand's brass bands. Can you take a poster advertising the concert from the altar at the back and find a public noticeboard or shop front window willing to exhibit it?

**Parish telephone list** There have been several parishioner requests for a parish telephone list made available only to regular St Peter's parishioners. This has now been compiled and is available for collection this morning.

**Wardens' meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please let the Wardens know of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Applying in hope** The Vestry has decided to obtain an engineering report on the church and a geotechnical report on the land surrounding the church at a cost of \$24,000. This week the Vicar filed an application with the DCC heritage fund to finance this. The fund makes quarterly distributions of \$130,000 with the close off date for the next distribution at the end of July and a decision expected in early August.

**Christchurch Episcopal election** Nominations for the electoral Synod of the diocese of Christchurch have now closed. So far as is known there are at least three candidates – an evangelical, a centrist formerly of evangelical lineage and a moderate liberal. The election will take place in August with emeritus Archbishop David Moxon presiding.

**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** Arch McQuarrie, Lesley Morris, Darcy Steele and Rosanne Carruthers.

**Exeunt the conservative evangelicals** Four parishes have now opted to leave the Christchurch diocese and have met with the Archbishop and the Archdeacons to put in place the arrangements for a gracious and dignified exit. They are St Johns Latimer Square, St Stephens Shirley, Christchurch South (this incorporates St Saviours Sydenham and St Nicholas Barrington St) and St Johns Woolston. Other departures may be on the cards. Although the Vicar of Sumner parish intends to stay many of his parishioners may depart. Avonhead parish is also of interest since its Vicar has expressed much disquiet about the authorising of same sex blessings although most of his parishioners will stay. Why has Christchurch diocese been at the epicentre of the grand exodus? In part this is because some of its younger clergy were trained at Moore College, Sydney, which mirrors the conservative opinions of the Jenson brothers who have dominated that diocese in recent years. It is also a reflection of the fact that often the growth experienced by conservative evangelical parishes has been transfer growth of Christians from other conservative denominations such as the Pentecostals and the Baptists who were never enculturated into an Anglican sense of ecclesiology and who are used to transferring denominations several times in a lifetime when a church does things they disagree with. At the same time the liberal revisionist leaders of our national church cannot be surprised at this vigorous blowback from their controversial stance on what is or isn't a rightly ordered relationship. The practical problem left behind by these departures is the need to redistribute the load of financing the central diocesan support structures amongst the remaining parishes. Conservative evangelicals tend to be generous givers and their parishes paid a major chunk of the diocesan running costs.

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