



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

9 September 2018

23rd Sunday

Priests in the Church
are called to build up Christ's congregation,
to strengthen the baptised,
and to lead them
as witnesses to Christ in the world.

To do this they are called to be pastors.
They are to share people's joys and sorrows,
encourage the faithful, recall those who fall away,
heal and help the sick.

Above all they are to proclaim God's word
and take their part in Christ's prophetic work,
to declare forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
to baptise,
to preside at the Eucharist,
to administer Christ's holy sacraments.

*New Zealand Prayer Book 1989
The Ordination of Priests*

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

360 Firmly I believe and truly
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel
477 Ye that know the Lord is gracious
384 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my All
247 O Gladsome light, O Grace

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 35: 4-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 146](#) is:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

[James 2: 1-5](#)

[Mark 7: 31-37](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 50: 5-9](#)

[James 2: 14-18](#)

[Mark 8: 27-35](#)

PARISH NEWS

Fr Brian's Ordination Please support Fr Brian by attending his ordination to the priesthood at 4 pm in the Cathedral this afternoon (Sunday).

Fr Brian's First Mass Fr Brian's first Mass will take place tomorrow Monday at 5.30 pm here at St Peter's. It will be important for the parish family to be present at this Service to support this wonderful beginning to Brian's priestly ministry

among us. An evening meal will follow in the hall. Please indicate on the notice in the vicinity of the Link noticeboard what food you can bring as a contribution to this.

Potluck lunch cancelled The potluck lunch that normally follows the 10.30am Service on the second Sunday of the month is cancelled for September as this weekend will be a very big one for the parish with a lot on.

Next Sunday Synod will meet at the Cathedral next weekend. The Revd Kit Bunker will be the celebrant and preacher at the 8 am Service and the Revd Chris Holmes of the Otago Theology Department will preach and celebrate at the 10.30 am Service. Kit and Brian will take the Services for the following three weeks while the Vicar is away.

Vestry news It was decided to employ Hanlons to carry out the engineering report on St Peter's. It was reported that the DCC heritage fund would cover the \$15,000 fee involved. It was resolved to draw down \$15,000 from the St Peter's renovation fund to cover the cost of a Geo-technical report on the land adjacent to the Church. Work on the engineering and geo-technical investigation of the church will begin in the week beginning 17 September with the report expected to be in the hands of the Vestry by November. \$800 has been paid from the Warrington bequest to the St Kilda brass band to cover their travel costs. The parish will keep the gate money to cover advertising costs.

Bequest Tony McConnell, whose requiem was celebrated at St Peter's recently has left the parish \$1,000.

Airborne The Vicar will fly to Auckland on Wednesday to begin the first leg of his journey to Britain. In an attempt to beat the effects of jet lag he will fly to Perth the following day to spend some time with his brother. He will then fly direct from Perth to London on the new Dreamliner flight recently instituted by Qantas. He will return on 12 October.

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Robert Gardner, Louisa Garrod and Rona Hitchcox.

The fallout continues The diocese of Christchurch continues to be the centre of dissent and withdrawal from the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia with news just in that the the Revd Al Drye, priest in charge of Rakaia, and the Revd Mark Hood, Vicar of St Christopher's Avonhead, Christchurch, are resigning their positions in protest against the legitimising of same sex blessings. It is thought that a further 8 parishes across the country are considering whether to bail out. Meanwhile a transition team is sorting out the administrative and financial details of the exit of the parishes of Christchurch South, St John's Woolston, St Stephens Shirley and St Johns Latimer Square and their clergy. A head scratcher for the diocesan authorities is what to do with the now redundant churches of St Saviours Sydenham, St Nicholas Barrington Street and St Johns Woolston. A windfall for the Church Property Trustees and the transitional Cathedral though is their imminent expropriation of the new office block immediately adjacent to the Cathedral which is currently the property of St John's Latimer Square. This promises to be a cash cow in the years ahead. The breakaway ecclesial entity will be under the episcopal care of the Anglican bishop of Tasmania until such time as GAFCON makes new arrangements for their episcopal leadership next year. If the leadership of our church thought that the passing of Motion 29 would be a relatively painless process with minimal casualties that expectation has turned out to be shallow optimism.

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