



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

19 May 2019

Easter 5

The New Command

To love one another as I have loved you

The new command is the rule of life for the new age, the kingdom of God, the saving sovereignty that makes people new for God's new world. This concept binds the presentation of the ministry of Jesus and that of his passion, death and resurrection in the Fourth Gospel. It is not alone the law for a new *time*, but a law for a new *life*. It is the outcome of the peculiar redemption that initiates the kingdom and brings sinful men and women into it. The command follows the gift, and is possible of fulfilment only by reason of the gift.

George Beasley-Murray
Word Biblical Commentary

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 FOR TODAY

437 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

346 City of God, how broad and far

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

107 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 14: 21-27](#)

The response to [Psalm 145](#) is:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

[Revelation 21: 1-5](#)

[John 13: 1, 31-33, 34-35](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29](#)

[Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23](#)

[John 14: 23-29](#)

Organ postlude Prelude on "Jesus, keep me near the cross"

Joyce Jones (1934-)

PARISH NEWS

This morning Fr Hugh is the preacher at this morning's Services. Fr Brian will offer a reflection at Evensong and Benediction this evening.

Morning tea this morning will be at the back of the church as the miniaturist group is having a weekend convention in the hall.

Fellowship group St Peter's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 28 May at the Home of St Barnabas at 2 pm. Please bring your favourite recipe. \$8 for afternoon tea – please phone Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 if you intend coming.

New church roster The present roster of liturgical duties for the 10.30 Service is available on the altar at the back of the church.

Revision of parish roll The parish is carrying out a revision of its parish roll. Being on the parish roll gives you speaking and voting rights at parish special, general and annual meetings. More importantly it enables the clergy to visit you to offer pastoral support if requested or required. Getting on the roll requires filling out an application form that can be requested from the Vicar. The contact information garnered from this form will not be made available to the diocese and will only be available to the clergy, the Wardens and the Vestry.

Church open We want St Peter's to be open to the public for much of Saturday. We are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to give an hour of their time for the Saturday afternoon watch. A brief period of training would be given to assist with showing visitors the main features of the church and to be able to give something of its history. If you would be available to volunteer for this please put your name on the notice on the Link noticeboard.

Cup of tea after 8 am Service From now on refreshments after the 8 am Service will be on the third Sunday of the month, not the second as has been the custom until now.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 29 May. Please advise Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Stewart and Gillian Gordon and Fr Craig Moody.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, Warwick Larkins, Bruce Moore, John Allen and Harriet Hamer.

Expedition to Pukehiki Church St Peter's often has an annual outing to a church of interest in the region to have a Service there and to follow up with a meal together. This year's expedition will be to the Pukehiki Church on Highcliff Road in the vicinity of Portobello. This is an attractive and intriguing building. For most of its life it was a Presbyterian Church but in 1992 it was sold to a local conservation trust for 10 cents. Since then the trust has endeavoured to hold bi-monthly Services there, to encourage its use as a wedding chapel venue and to maintain the building to a high standard. Our outing will be on Saturday 24 August when we will keep the feast of St Bartholomew with a Eucharist at 11 am and will then proceed to the Portobello Hotel for lunch. Please sign the booking notice on the Link noticeboard so we can book in to the restaurant.

This year's Caversham lectures The programme for this year's Caversham lectures is rapidly coming together. Dates and topics so far are "New Zealand Dairying: Blessing or Curse" Richard Kyte 5 November, "Aftermath: the political landscape left by the winding down of the wars in Syria and Iraq" Dr Bill Harris 12 November, "Crossing the Red Sea – Encounter on the Mountain" Fr James Harding examines the historicity or otherwise of the escape of the children of Israel from Pharaoh's Egypt and the meeting between Moses and God on Mount Sinai 19 November. The fourth and final lecture on 26 November will be on church Romanesque architecture and will be given by Rod Hamel. These are all Tuesday evening events.

Parish Contacts.

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