



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

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23rd Sunday, Year A

Genuine Love

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

1 John 3: 18-20

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world *his* only Son so that we could have life through him.

1 John 4: 7-9

Love is patient and kind. Love envies no one, is never boastful, never conceited, never rude; love is never selfish, never quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs, takes no pleasure in the sins of others, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

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

323 Father of mercy, God of consolation

We sing the 3-fold Alleluia before and after the Gospel.

415 O for a thousand tongues to sing

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

251 Son of my soul, thou saviour dear

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 33: 7-9](#)

The response to [Psalm 94](#) is:

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

[Romans 13: 8-10](#)

[Matthew 18: 15-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

[Romans 14: 7-9](#)

[Matthew 18: 21-25](#)

PARISH NEWS

Level 2 procedures at Today's Services:

- Please complete the contact tracing form at the back of church as you enter.

- **Use the hand sanitiser provided at the back of church.**
- **Please sit where the service books are placed in the pews.**
- **Please line up to receive Communion which will be in one kind (bread) only**

Today's sermon is entitled "What Kind of Love?"

Paris calling The Revd Phillipe Toutain was a curate here at St Peters in the late 1970s. Sorbonne educated, handsome and charming, he caused many a St Peter's young female heart to flutter. After a spell as Vicar of Winton he then served in a variety of chaplaincy positions on the Indian Ocean Island of Mauritius. He then returned to Paris where he ministered to Malagasies at St Georges, which is part of the Anglican diocese of Europe. Living in retirement now and wheel chair bound as a result of Parkinson's he has been in frequent e mail contact with the Vicar in recent weeks to investigate the possibility of coming to live in Dunedin, a city he has many fond memories of.

Wardens' meeting The Vicar and Wardens will meet on Wednesday. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Dunedin Diocesan Synod to be virtual The current Level 2 restrictions mean that the Dunedin Diocesan Synod will be a virtual Synod next Saturday that will be confined to essential business omitting the controversial possible sale measure for Selwyn College.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Eileen Pratt, Max Stacey, Catherine Russel, Lorraine Mitchell, Michael Forrest, Jane Hill, Fr Michael Moorhead and Greta Barton.

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

The St John's College Trust Board When Bishop Selwyn founded St John's Theological College he also purchased a large swathe of land around the College. It was not until post Second World War Auckland encroached onto this land that it became valuable as a site of urban development. When the leases were renegotiated in the 1980s the revenues garnered by the St John's College Trust Board increased further making the College one of the most generously funded in the Anglican Communion. A decision to devolve some theological education on to the dioceses meant that from then on each diocesan ministry educator, and sometimes the children and young persons' worker, were funded from this source. Tikanga Maori was quick to realise the value of this funding resource and after the three Tikanga constitution came into existence its bishops were paid from the SJCTB. This was supposed to be a ten year transitional arrangement but as the years have gone by it has become a permanent arrangement. Increasingly the SJCTB has become the financial engine that drives more and more of the Province's activities. It has bailed out one of the financially failing Maori boarding schools and made a grant of \$50,000 towards the Dunedin diocese bishopric estate to enable the last episcopal election to proceed since a diocese must first guarantee that it can pay its incoming bishop. Synod papers reveal that this annual funding grant has now grown to \$65,000.

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