



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

18 October 2020

29th Sunday, Year A

Eternal God,
light of the minds that know you,
joy of the hearts that love you,
strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may gladly serve you,
now and always.

God of all delight, grant us that joy
which none can take from us,
of having a work to do,
a life to live;
that joy in believing
which will carry us through temptation
anxiety and grief.

A New Zealand Prayer Book 1989

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

5.30 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

360 Firmly I believe and truly

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

467 Through all the changing scenes of life

Communion solo Arnold Bachop "Just as I am"

392 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6](#)

The response to [Psalm 96](#) is:

Give the Lord glory and honour

[1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 22: 15-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 22: 20-26](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10](#)

[Matthew 22: 34-40](#)

PARISH NEWS

Celebration brunch A brunch will follow this morning's 10.30 Service as we celebrate Eileen Pratt's 100th birthday.

Farewell to Brent This morning we farewell Brent McDowell as he goes to live near members of his family in Roxburgh. Fr Hugh will have a conversation with Brent and then offer him a blessing after communion at the 10.30 am Service.

Later start time to this evening's Service Please note that this evening's Evensong and Benediction Service starts half an hour later than usual in order to allow our organist to get back to us from an important musical commitment. This is a one off change with evening Services reverting to the usual 5 pm time slot thereafter.

Curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday evening. Please sign up for this on the appropriate notice.

Fellowship lunch The next St Peter's fellowship lunch will be at Rope and Twine on Tuesday 27 October at 12.15 pm. Please let Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb 476 1613 know if you intend coming.

Remembrance day Service The date for the Remembrance day Service has now been confirmed as Sunday 8 November. 11 November, the Armistice Day date, falls on a Wednesday and the earlier Sunday date suited the bugler. Having thoroughly covered Great War topics in previous years our attention will turn to World War 2 and in particular the commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

Why Wednesday Parishioners have enquired why our expedition to the Karitane church on 18 November is on a Wednesday instead of the usual Saturday. This is because it is easier to book in lunch arrangements at a mid-week date.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Max Stacey, Lorraine Mitchell, Fr Michael Moorhead and Greta Barton.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Ivan Tilbury, Chris Timlin, Alister Keast, Joyce Knowles, Patrick McRodden, David Best (priest) and Elizabeth Anderson.

The end of Sunday Services in the new Dunedin public hospital? Recent ODT stories on 6 and 7 October have covered the controversy about the plan to have only a multi-faith centre instead of a Christian Chapel in the imminently expected rebuilt Dunedin public hospital. The space allocated for the religious centre in the new hospital's plans will be halved from the present chapel space from about 150sq m to about 75 sq m. The smaller space will include a prayer room, wash room, interview room and a pastoral care worker's space. Cost and space availability considerations have been to the fore in the health board's leadership team justification. They have also used equality arguments noting that between the 2006 and 2018 censuses the number of Otago people who identified as Christian dropped from more than half (54.1%) to about a third (33.4%). Those who claimed no religion rose from 38.8% to 55.8%. Where the leadership team's argument is on less sure ground is the fact that adherents of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Maori religions all remained marginal at 0% to 2%, which makes it odd that the spiritual space allocated should privilege them in such a way. But the key issue missed in the ODT discussion was that this smaller, cramped prayer room space will make the present Sunday morning Christian Service more difficult as it will be a challenge to fit in the patients who are brought down from the wards in wheel chairs or even beds thus taking up more space than the usual seated congregation in churches.

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