

THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Lent 1

March 13, 2011

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson, members of the family of Bill Hodgson DFC and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

SERVICES TODAY.

8am Holy Eucharist. (The 1662 Liturgy)

10.30am Solemn Eucharist. (The 1989 Liturgy)

Hymns. Introit 67. Gradual 64. Offertory 68 (T.296)

Communion 445. Postcommunion 83.

Reader. Raewyn Stedman

Intercesssions. Gay Webb

Oblations. Jim Menzies.

Sidespersons. Jonathan Gillies and Raewyn Stedman.

The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church during Communion.

Everyone is invited to Morning Tea and Coffee in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Readings for Today.



1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9,16-18,25;3.1-7.

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the Lord God commanded the man. 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for the day you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the Garden?" The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but the Lord God said, 'You shall not eat of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

2nd Reading: Romans 5.12,17-19.

Brothers and sisters: just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all people, because all have sinned. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion in life through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the fee gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience to the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saving to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his Angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands will they bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." Then the devil left him and suddenly angels waited him came and

The Collect:

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. **AMEN**

Prayer for the People of Christchurch:

God of the desolate and the despairing, your Son, Jesus Christ, bore the cross of suffering that is for us the source of life and healing. Let not the destruction in Christchurch bring us to despair but rather to find in you a fount of life and a spring of hope that we may fearlessly uphold those who are afflicted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**.

Readings for Next Sunday - Lent 2.

Genesis 12.1-4/2 Timothy 1.8b-10/Matthew 17.1-9.

Prayers.



WE PRAY for the people of Christchurch and surrounding districts devastated by earthquake and loss of life and heritage. We pray especially for Bishop Victoria, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Christchurch as they proclaim God's care for the city and its people.

WE PRAY for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Gary Pearson, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon and Fr Bill Schroeder.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, especially Peter McHugh and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially John Jacob Hamer, Thomas Robbins, Claude Morris, Philip Stanley Hitchcox, Cecil Steel, Frederick John Allen and William Henry Hodgson.

The Parish This Week:

Parish AGM. The Parish Annual General Meeting is on Sunday March 13th, after the 10.30 am. Solemn Eucharist. There is no sermon at either the 8 am and 10.30 am services today.

The Eucharist will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday in the Lady Chapel.

Observances this week: (13) Kereopa and Manihera (17) Patrick (18) Cyril of Jerusalem (19) JOSEPH.

Anglican Family Care asks especially for donations of rice at this time. Rice forms a dietary staple in Food Bank care parcels.

Donations To The Christchurch Earthquake Bishop's Emergency Appeal: Donations marked 'Christchurch Earthquake Appeal' can be placed in the offertory bag during the collection at each Sunday Eucharist. Details at the back of church and on the Link notice board.

The Nation Memorial Day (Wednesday 18th this week) is set aside for a national service in Christchurch for the victims of the earthquake. To coincide with the service, at St Peter's, the church bell will be tolled for the opening and closing of the service which commences at **12.51 pm**. The tower flag will be lowered to half-mast and prayer offered. Parishioners and friends are invited to mark this solemn occasion at St Peter's and stay for however long they are able.

The Revised Parish Roll draft will be available today for checking and amendments where required. Please check that your entry is correct.

AAW Meeting, March 22, commencing with a Pot Luck meal at 6.00 pm. A meeting to discuss the group's future direction will follow the meal.

Parish Pot Luck Meal next Sunday after the 10.30 Solemn Eucharist.

Vestry meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Lounge.

The family of the late Bill Hodgson DFC are attending the 10.30 am service this morning in honour of the 70th anniversary of his falling in action during WW2. There is a memorial window to Bill's memory on the south wall of the nave of St Peter's. The window was the subject of a well-received article in the Otago Daily Times and a reproduction will be presented by the family to St Peter's today.

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